

Rice Day: ICAR popularizing participatory experimentation

ICAR, Tripura is going to organize “Rice Day and Participatory Varietal Selection Day” at Mirza in Gomati district on November 21. Participatory Varietal Selection will start at 11.30 am. And Rice Day will be observed 2.30 pm. onwards. The agriculture and farmers welfare minister Pranajit Singha Roy will grace the occasion as chief guest. This has been informed from the ICAR complex at Lembuchera.

ICAR, Tripura centre has been developing various location specific technologies including seven Integrated Farming Systems and 25 crop varieties over the last four decades or so. Many of the crop varieties developed by Tripura Centre are not only popular in Tripura but also in other Northeastern states like Assam, Meghalay, Mizoram and Manipur.

It also informs that rice variety ‘Gomati’ and ‘Khowai’ are very popular among farmers due to its higher yield and good cooking quality. Other varieties like Tripura Chikan, Tripura Nirog, Hakuchuk 2

are also gaining popularity day by day. The specialty of their approach is – involvement of farmers in the variety development process through participatory mode, through the Arabinda Farmers Club at Mirza. Over the last 13 years thousands of varieties have been experimented by the farmers in the field of Mirza. The November 21 programme would also target to facilitate such experimentation by the farmers and other stakeholders from different corners of the state.

Disaster training camp in Poangbari



Pic by Rupak Acharjee, ICO

Under the initiative of South district disaster management authority a disaster management camp was organized at Krishnanagar community hall in Poangbari

block yesterday. It was a village level initiative for disaster management. In the camp 100 people from seven gram panchayats of Poangbari block and three ADC villages were trained on disaster management. Chairman of Poangbari panchayat samiti Manibala Baidya Datta, vice chairman Arjun Debnath, BDO Amit Karmakar, South district disaster management officer Jiban Acharjee, Subedar of TSR 9th Battalion Madan Gopal Debnath were there to give hands-on training. Officials of various departments also took part in the camp.

Raima-Sarma Dumboor Water festival on Nov. 30

Traditional Raima-Sarma Dumboor Water Festival will be held in water area of Sarma river in Devendra Das para of Ramnagar village on November 30. It was decided in the preparatory meeting held at the office of SDM, Gandachhara. An organising committee and four sub-committees have been constituted. SDM L Ranchal, prominent social worker Aditya Sarkar, Samir Das participated in the discussion.

On this occasion, a sit and draw competition, boat race and cultural programme will be held. Sit and draw competition in four divisions will be held at Durgabari on 27th November. Boat race among male candidates and female candidates will be held at November 30. Cultural programme will be held at Ramnagar community hall in the evening. Jhum dance, Bijhu, Hozagiri, Dhamail, Gajan alongwith colourful cultural programme will be presented. The programme will be organized by information and cultural affairs department in association with other departments. SDM L Ranchal-cum-convener of the committee has appealed everyone to make the festival a success.

Sepahijala district observes Cooperative Week

The 66th All India Cooperative Week was observed at Bishramganj multi-purpose hall through a special programme yesterday. MLA Subhash Chandra Das inaugurated this Sepahijala district level observance ceremony. Among others were present DM C.K. Jamatia and officials of the cooperative department. Before that in the morning 24 members of

different LAMPS and PACKS donated blood at the Bishramganj primary health centre. As part of the programme micro ATM cards were given to two people, sanction letters of Kishan Credit Cards to four farmer families and sanction letters



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of loan under Swabalamban scheme amounting Rs. 3.50 lakh and Rs. 4 lakh were handed over from the Cooperative Bank.

Drinking water connections under Atal Jaldhara Yojana in Gomati district

A meeting of the poverty alleviation related standing committee of Gomati Zilla Parishad was recently held at its conference hall. Sabhadhipati of Gomati Zilla Parishad Swapan Ahikari and other members of the standing committee and officers of the concerned departments were present in the meeting.

In the meeting, DWS official informed that a target has been set for digging 27 small bore deep tube wells in the district for supplying drinking water. Installation work of drinking water connections for 5017 families of the district under Atal Jaldhara Yojana is going on. Among these, water connection has been provided to 4434 families. The officer of fisheries department informed that excavation of 12 ponds under MGNREGA is going on. Among these, excavation of 8 ponds has been completed. House has been constructed for 231 fish farmer families in the district. Rs 1 lakh 30 thousand has been spent for construction of each house. The representative of rural development department informed that 11 works out of 36 works under Amarpur division have been completed. Among these, construction of Karbook Indoor Sports Complex has been completed.

PM Kisan Samman Nidhi: 9027 names registered in Kanchanpur

9027 names of the farmers of Dasda, Laljuri and Jampuihill blocks of Kanchanpur subdivision have been registered under PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. Under the scheme, Rs 6000 in three installments (Rs. 2000 in each installment) is provided to each farmer. 4773 farmers of Dasda block have availed money of the 1st installment under the

scheme. 4771 farmers of the block have availed money of the 2nd installment and 4889 farmers have availed money of the third installment. 793 farmers of Laljuri block have availed money of the 1st installment under the scheme. 793 farmers have availed money of the 2nd installment and 360 farmers have availed money of the third installment. 1229 farmers of Jampuihill block have availed money of the 1st installment. 1229 farmers have availed money of the 2nd installment and 1084 farmers have availed money of the 3rd installment. Assistant director of North district office of agriculture and farmers welfare department Sukesh Ranjan Roy has informed this.

Financial assistance for farming activities

Various assistances have been provided by the animal resources development department to several families of Bishalgarh block for maintaining livelihood. Assistant director of animal resources development department, Bishalgarh informed that Rs 25000 will be provided to each of 15 families for goat farming under the scheme of tribal welfare department. Similarly, Rs 25000 will be provided to each of two families for poultry farming. Rs 1 lakh 40 thousand will be provided to 7 families of the block for production of milk. The fund will be

spent for purchasing of cow and other related items used in cattle farming. Assistance will be provided to 10 families for goat farming and assistance will be given to 10 families for pig farming under the scheme of S.C welfare department. Rs 97000 will be spent for each family in this case.



Glimpses of gramsabha meetings in Madhya Chingichera, Khowai (first two) and at Kamalghat of Mohanpur RD block held today