

Training and demonstration on improved microbial retting of jute by 'CRIJAF Sona' organized by ICAR-CRIJAF under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) at Barpeta, Assam

Two training and demonstrations on improved microbial retting of jute by using 'CRIJAF Sona' were conducted by ICAR-CRIJAF under NFSM on 5th August, 2015 at Kayasthagaon and Sahpur villages in Barpeta district of Assam. In the retting demonstrations more than 130 farmers actively participated. Dr. A.K. Deka, Programme Coordinator, Barpeta KVK; Sub-Divisional Agricultural Officer, Barpeta and the Asstt. Director of Agriculture, Sorbhog, Govt. of Assam participated and interacted with the jute farmers assembled in the trainings and demonstrations.



Farmers of Kayasthagaon, Barpeta are keenly listening about the improved microbial retting of jute



Application of improved microbial formulation (CRIJAF Sona) on jak at Kayasthagaon, Barpeta, Assam

Dr. Bijan Majumdar and Dr. S. Sarkar, Principal Scientists of ICAR-CRIJAF explained the detail method of improved microbial retting method to the jute farmers. It was also explained about the benefits to the farmers that the improved microbial retting method will reduce retting duration by 6-8 days (and increase yield), improve colour (golden yellow) & lustre of the fibre and increase fibre strength; thereby improve the fibre grade at least by 1-2 grades better which will ultimately fetch higher price and increase profitability from jute farming.



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The farmers were very eager to get more packets of CRIJAF Sona for use in their other jute retting ponds. Accordingly another 100 packets of CRIJAF Sona was transported and distributed among the interested 40 jute farmers of Barpeta district.