

## Report on farmers' training on improved jute production technology held on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at Kumarganj block of Dakshin Dinajpur, West Bengal under TSP

In Dakshin Dinajpur district, Kumarganj block holds 4<sup>th</sup> largest area under jute (2810 ha) and the jute yield is about 24.3 q/ha which need to be increased at least to the state average of 28 q/ha. In the block, about 17% jute farmers are Scheduled Tribe (ST) and they do not have access to improved jute production technology; so they follow traditional system which results lower fibre productivity (20-22 q/ha). Therefore, it is the urgent need that the tribal farmers of the block should be delivered improved package of practices of jute so that they can get higher productivity with better fibre quality resulting higher profitability from jute cultivation. With that intension ICAR-CRIJAF organized farmers training programme on improved jute production technology in collaboration with the State Department of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal on 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 at Sonarpara F.P. School, Paschim Govindapur in Kumarganj block of Dakshin Dinajpur.



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In the training programme 90 tribal jute farmers of Kumarganj block actively participated and learnt about the improved technologies of jute production. The farmers were expressed willingness to learn and interacted with the Scientists of CRIJAF regarding various jute production and protection technologies. In the farmers training Dr. S. Sarkar and Dr. B. Majumdar of ICAR-CRIJAF, Mr. Anwarul Islam, Asstt. Director of Agriculture (ADA), Kumarganj block, Mr. Sanjit Roy, BTM, and Mr. Subhankar Pakhira, ATM, ATMA, Kumarganj block educated and trained the farmers about improved jute production technologies.

Mrs. Uma Roy, Pachayet Sabhapati, Mr. Moqbul Hossain, Krishi Karmadhakhya, Smt. Kajali Kisku, Upa Pradhan, Safanagar Panchayet, Sri Somesh Chandra Mahato, Krishi Prayukti Sahayak (KPS), Sri Ranjit Karmakar, KPS, Mr. Giasuddin Sardar, KPS encouraged the participating farmers of Kumarganj to adopt improved jute production technologies for higher productivity, better fibre quality and maintenance of soil health for achieving sustainability in jute based production system.



Distribution of Nail Weeders to the tribal farmers

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