

Awareness programme on Pradhan Mantri Fasal Beema Yojna

A farmers awareness programme regarding the implementation of the new crop insurance scheme called "Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)" to extend financial assistance to the poor and marginal farmers after any loss cause to their crops due to natural calamities like flood, draught, erosion or any other disaster was organized on 8th June, 2016 by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Assam Agricultural University, Tinsukia at the District Library Auditorium, Tinsukia.

The programme was attended by over 600 farmers from different locations of the district. The inaugural meeting of the programme was chaired by Dr. Amrit Ch. Borbora, Chief Scientist, Citrus Research Station, AAU, Tinsukia. Chief guest on the programme Rameswar Teli, MP, Dibrugarh lit the ceremonial lamp in presence of Sanjoy Kishan, MLA, Tinsukia, Suren Phukan, MLA, Digboi and Durga Bhumiz, MLA, Doomdooma to mark the inauguration of the programme.

In his welcome address, Dr. Amal Ch. Sarmah, Programme Coordinator, KVK, AAU, Tinsukia highlighted the risks and uncertainties faces by the farming sector and underlined the importance of the crop insurance in mitigating the same.

In his speech, Rameswar Teli highlighted the importance of the insurance scheme for the future financial safety of the poor farmers of Tinsukia district and wish that PMFBY will serve the need of the farming community. He emphasise that the scheme would be made available to the farmers in the remotest areas of the district.

Sanjoy Kishan, MLA, Tinsukia said that the PMFBY is a highly simplified scheme which would make it easier for acceptance even by the small and marginal farmers.

Durga Bhumiz, MLA, Doomdooma said that the PMFBY is an excellent scheme for the farmers to make up for the losses incurred by them on account of the vagaries of nature.

Suren Phukan, MLA, Digboi urged the farmers to avail the advantage of all the government schemes for their own benefit.

Puru Gupta, DC of Tinsukia said that the financial institution must encourage the farmers to be a part of the scheme.

S. Mazumadar, DDM, NABARD, Tinsukia highlighted about the scheme which will offer insurance coverage at a low premium of Rs. 2% for Kharif crop , Rs. 1.5% for Rabi and Rs. 5% for commercial horticulture crops with faster crop loss estimation.

The programme was also attended by the District Officers from State Agriculture, Veterinary, Fishery and other departments and also representatives of several nationalized banks.

The meeting also witnessed ceremonial distribution of Soil Health Cards among 100 selected farmers. An exhibition of agricultural products and technologies was also organized on the sidelines of the programme, which saw participation of several state government organization, NGOs, SHGs, agriculture related companies.

