

8th Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting of KVK West Tripura Successfully Conducted

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The 8th Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting of Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) West Tripura was successfully held on February 13, 2025, at Belbari, bringing together key stakeholders from research institutions, state departments, financial organizations, and farmer groups. The meeting, chaired by Dr. B. U. Choudhury, Head, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Tripura Centre, focused on reviewing the progress of On-Farm Trials (OFTs), Frontline Demonstrations (FLDs), and finalizing the Action Plan for 2025-26 to strengthen agricultural development in the region.

The event witnessed the participation of distinguished dignitaries, including the Joint Director, State Agricultural Research Station; Deputy Director of Agriculture & Horticulture; Superintendent of Agriculture; Senior Programme Executive, Doordarshan; faculty members from CAU & College of Agriculture; AGM, NABARD; LDM, Punjab National Bank; Secretary of an NGO, and representatives from Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs), Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and progressive farmers. Additionally, Dr. A. K. Mohanty, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone VII, Umiam, KVK Nodal Officer, ICAR RC for NEH Region, S. Basanta Singh, and representatives from T-SAMETI and KVK South Tripura joined the discussions virtually.

A major highlight of the meeting was the release of the KVK Newsletter (Vol. 2, Issue 1) and a Book documenting KVK's key contributions and success stories. The Progress Report 2024 was presented, showcasing significant research findings from OFTs and FLDs, particularly in climate-resilient agriculture, high-yielding crop varieties, and integrated farming systems. The Action Plan for 2025-26 focused on critical areas such as post-harvest management, precision farming, natural farming, soil acidity management, entrepreneurship development, integrated pest management, nutritional security, and digital advisory services for farmers.

Dr. Ganesh Das, Senior Scientist-cum-Head, KVK West Tripura, extended his heartfelt appreciation to all stakeholders for their continuous support and valuable insights. The meeting concluded with a collective vision to enhance agricultural extension services, promote sustainable farming practices, and strengthen farmer engagement in knowledge-driven agriculture.