

# Foundation Stone laid for the Training Centre of CDB DSP Farm Hichachara

**S**hri Pranajit Singha Roy, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Govt. of Tripura laid the foundation stone for the Administrative Building cum Farmers Training Centre of CDB DSP Farm Hichachara, Tripura on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020. A workshop on coconut cultivation and its prospects and value addition was also organized during the occasion. In his presidential address, Shri Pranajit Singha Roy, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Govt. of Tripura spoke on the importance of



coconut cultivation and its utility for improving the income of farming community. He emphasized the need to promote coconut cultivation in the state in scientific way and to adopt different technologies for value addition in coconut so that more income of the farmers per unit area can be improved. He assured the Board all sorts of help and co-operation for the development of the DSP Farm Hichachara, Tripura.

Shri Saradindu Das, Chief Coconut Development Officer, Coconut Development Board, Kochi in his welcome address spoke on the importance of coconut cultivation as well as value addition in Tripura for the up-liftment of the livelihood and for doubling the income of small and marginal farmers of the state. He also briefed about the global coconut scenario and the position of India as well as Tripura



and stressed on the need for value addition and marketing of coconut.

Shri Lungher Obed, Director, Coconut Development Board, Regional Office, Guwahati who spoke during the occasion briefed on Board's schemes, activities and

the scenario of coconut cultivation and prospects in the North East region of the country.

Shri Debpriya Bardhan, IAS, District Magistrate South Tripura District addressed the gathering. He assured to take the initiative for taking up more coconut area under cultivation in his district for the economic development of the farming community area under. He also offered all possible help for implementing various programmes of Coconut Development Board in the district.

Shri Tarit Kanti Chakma, IAS, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Sabroom, Dr. Biswajit Das, Joint Director, ICAR, NE Regional Centre, Lembucherra and Shri Rupankar Dey, Vice Chairman, Satchand Panchyat Smiti spoke during the occasion. The inaugural session was concluded with vote of thanks by Shri B. Chinnaraj, Farm Manager.

A technical session was followed after the inaugural session chaired by Sri L. Obed, Director, CDB Guwahati, Dr. Biswajit Das, Joint Director, ICAR, spoke on coconut cultivation and pest and disease management. Smt. Jayashree, Dev. Officer, CDB, Kochi briefed on value addition in coconut and Shri B. Chinnaraj, Farm Manager, spoke on the schemes of the Board. More than 300 farmers and officials from the district of Gomati and South Tripura were present in the function. ■