

Farmers-scientist interaction meets at North Lakhimpur, Assam

A farmers-scientist interaction meet was organized by ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna in collaboration with Regional Agricultural Research Station of Assam Agricultural University, North Lakhimpur on 29th November 2021 in paddy field of flood plain wetland of Ranganadi River at Bangal chup village under Nowboicha block in North



Lakhimpur district of Assam.



A total of fifty two farmers were participated in this programme in which twenty eight were female and twenty four were male. During the interaction, discussion were made on “strategies for

management of agricultural resource in flood prone ecosystem”. Dr. Narayan Bhakta, principal scientist, ICAR RCER, Patna stressed upon increasing the cropping intensity in flood plain wetlands by incorporating relay crop of lentil, lathyrus and field pea in deep water rice ecosystem. He also emphasized on



introduction of winter maize in medium land after harvest of rice crop. Dr. Dhiren Choudhary, principal scientist, RARS, North Lakhimpur briefed farmers about the availability of suitable high yielding rice varieties for low land and medium land ecosystem. Dr. Rohan Kumar Raman, Scientist, ICAR RCER, Patna coordinated the program and discussed about opportunities and scope for livelihood improvement in flood-plain wetlands through efficient management of natural resources. He emphasized to remodel the existing fisheries ponds with introduction of horticultural crops like banana, Assam lemon, papaya, ginger, turmeric, chili etc. on pond bunds and rearing of poultry, piggery and duckery in integrated farming system mode.