

Farmers training at Lakhimpur in Darrang



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The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) North East Regional Centre, Guwahati organized a day long farmers training programme at Lakhimpur pukhuri (Balipota) in Darrang on December 20 in association with Green Society, Udalguri..The training programme was held at Gaon Panchayat Bhawan. The theme of the programme was focused on Quality planting material and crop production under Technology Mission – Mini Mission. Introductory speech was given by Jitu Moni Deka, Secretary, Green Society, Udalguri.

The training programme was inaugurated by Makani Saikia, President, Lakhimpur GP at 11 AM. She in her speech requested farmers to plant banana, orange etc in their vacant plots of lands. Senior journalists of Udalguri district namely Jayanta Kumar Das, also the Hony. Wildlife Warden of Assam and Kanneswar Deka also spoke on the occasion requesting farmers to start plantation of horticultural saplings for economic growth. Former ACS officer Dipankar Saharia, Coordinator, TERI North East Regional Centre, Guwahati attended the programme as the chief guest. Addressing participating progressive farmers, Saharia requested them to take up horticultural activities not as government schemes but as their own project. He also advised farmers to change outlook and to encourage horticulture or agriculture on commercial basis. According to him separate plots of lands must be utilized for various horticultural items like orange, bamboo, banana, piper etc for better results. He advised farmers not to use harmful chemical fertilizers and pesticides but organic manures. Krishna Ranjan Deka, Dharanidhar Nath, Suren Barua (Zilla Parishad Councillor) also addressed people. More than hundred progressive farmers from various places of Kalaigaon constituency took part in the training programme.

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