

## Govt to promote jatropha for bio-diesel production



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A special scheme to promote Jatropha (Bhot Era) cultivation in Assam has been taken by the Department of Agriculture, Assam for production of Bio-diesel. Altogether 1374 ha area will be covered under this crop, covering 9 districts, namely, Barpeta, Kokrajhar, Kamrup, Darrang, Sonitpur, Nagaon, Marigaon, Karimganj and Hailakandi. Moreover, 26 nos. of demonstration will be conducted for motivation of farmers. The cultivation will be done in waste land of the State.

In this connection, a State Level Workshop on Biodiesel Production Technique from Jatropha Crop was held at R & D Centre, NeDFi, Khetri, Kamrup on 9th June last, which is organized by the Department of Agriculture, Assam , with the technical support from the NEDFi.

Nilamoni Sen Deka, Minister for Agriculture, Horticulture & Food Processing, Assam attended in the workshop as chief guest and given stress for sustainable agricultural development in Assam . He assured the farming community that, state government will extend all possible help for the benefit of the farmers. Dr. Moniruddin Ahmed, Scientist, Dr. Dwipen Dutta, Scientist, Panchanon Saikia, JDA(Pulse), Nripen Medhi, SDAO and Keshab Barua, President, Pathar Parichalana Samity participated in the workshop as resource person.

Several officers and farmers attended in the workshop and practically learned about the bio diesel production from Jatropha seeds in oil extraction plant.



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