

Stress on scientific agriculture



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A Non Government Organization in north-eastern [India](#) working for the Integral development through empowerment of people by enabling them to build People's Organizations and enhancing their capacities to utilize their resources optimally believes that systematic [agriculture](#) can [lead](#) to people's prosperity.

"Systematic Agriculture can [lead](#) to people's prosperity," says Director of the [NGO](#) Bosco Reach Out (BRO) Fr Jaya Prakash.

The quote was also the theme of the two days [training](#) programme he conducted at BRO [Agri](#)-Training Centre, Joropara, [Meghalaya](#), 4 to 5 May 2017.

The 'Agrarian Prosperity Training Programme' gave an impetus to some 100 members of Self [Help](#) Groups (SHG) from [Garro Hills](#) Districts of [Meghalaya](#) who attended the [training](#).

Agriculture Expert, Ms. Minku [Das](#) gave an overview of the Agro-Composite Training Centre and dwelt on the topics such [as](#) all season vegetables, polyhouse farming, kitchen garden, and vermicompost practices.

While BRO Programme Officer, Mr. Romendro Rabha spoke on SHG Management towards better credit linkage, BRO Associate Director Fr. J. Teron dwelt on [indigenous](#) medicinal herbs, bee keeping, and livestock management.

The [training](#) sessions consisted of theory in-puts [as](#) well [as](#) on-site field demonstration giving the participants hands on [training](#) and opportunity to clarify their doubts and draw up lines of action for SHGs in their respective villages.

Deputy Commissioner of North [Garro Hills](#) District Mr. Sibhi Chakravarthy Sadhu, IAS graced the concluding session of the programme and addressed the participants.

Quoting the words of former Prime Minister Pandit Nehru who said “[Agriculture](#) is the backbone of our economy,” Mr Sadhu highlighted the importance of [agriculture](#) and [community](#) organization for building of a progressive nation.

Before giving away the certificates of participation Mr Sadhu appreciated BRO’s efforts and dedication in [community](#) development sector.

Mr Sadhu also distributed planting material and livestock [as](#) an encouragement to a few SHGs selected through the BRO grading process.

Bosco Reach Out established in 1983 is the social outreach wing of the [Don Bosco](#) Society Guwahati. The [NGO](#) is committed to the integral and holistic development of the human person and rooted in the Salesian charisma within the Church and in the society.

In recognition of their work in uplifting the poor, [Meghalaya](#) Government awarded Bosco Reach Out with the ‘[Meghalaya](#) Day [Award](#)’ in 2008 - the highest civilian [award](#) of the [state](#).

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