

Stress on skill in horticulture



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The country is [caught](#) in a grim [crisis](#) of skilled [workers](#) where 2.3% of the workforce has undergone formal skill [training as](#) compared to 68% in the [UK](#), 75% in Germany, 52% in USA, 80% in Japan and 96% in South Korea. Need of the hour is a slew of steps for skill development in the vital sector like [agriculture](#) and horticulture.

This was more or less of what the speakers said opening a skill development [training](#) in [Khanapara](#) jointly organized by Assam Small Farmers Agribusiness Consortium, Assam Agriculture University, Kristi Vigyan Kendra and department of horticulture and floriculture on Monday.

Speakers after speakers agreed that large sections of the educated workforce have little or no [job](#) skills, making them largely unemployable.

In his opening speech [assistant](#) director for [agriculture](#) Pritam Baruah laid stress on skill development on horticulture sector among the unemployed youths of Assam.

Sarat Saikia, Chief Scientist, Horticultural Research Station, AAU; Dr. Dhiren Kalita, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Kamrup, AAU, Mowsam [Hazarika](#), Assistant Director of Agriculture, Madan Mohan Dewri Bharali, Senior Agricultural [Development](#) Officer and Manabjyoti [Das](#), Manager, ASFAC highlighted the various aspects of Gardeners Training for initiation horticultural business.

Several unemployed youths from the different parts of Assam participated in the [training](#) programme. The resource persons from the relevant subjects will impart practical [training](#) in the programme.

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