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Report of Training Programme on “Friends of Coconut Trees (FoCT)”, organized by Coconut Development Board, State Centre – Kolkata, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India in Association with Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati from 02.01.2023 to 07.01.2023

Coconut Development Board, State Centre – Kolkata, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India organized Skill Development Training Programme on “Friends of Coconut Trees (FoCT)” in association with Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati at Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan, Birbhum, West Bengal – 731236 from 02.01.2023 to 07.01.2023. 18 numbers of unemployed Rural Youths (Male) and 02 numbers of unemployed Rural Youths (Female) participated in the training programme actively.

The Registration of the participating Farmers and Farm Women started at 10.00 AM on that day of 2nd January, 2023. At the Inaugural Session of the Programme, Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist & Head, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati welcomed all the participants at the on-set of the Programme. Prof. Prasanta Kumar Ghosh, Finance officer, Visva-Bharati who was the Guest of Honour of the programme, addressed the participants about the importance of the FoCT training. Prof. Arun Kumar Barik, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and In-Charge, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati delivered his Presidential Address and formally inaugurated the Training. Sri Sayak Mahato, Subject Matter Specialist (Agrometeorology), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati and Course Co-ordinator of the FoCT training programme put the Vote of Thanks in the House.

The FoCT Training Programme continued from 02.01.2023 to forenoon of 07.01.2023. The training programme consists of technical discussion, practical demonstration, study time and exercise time in each day. The Valedictory Session of the programme was held at the afternoon session on 07.01.2023. In the Valedictory Session, Dr. Amiya Debnath, Deputy Director, Coconut Development Board, State Centre – Kolkata, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India was the Hon'ble Guest. Dr. Debnath delivered his Valedictory lecture for the attending trainees and other stakeholders.

Prof. Snehasish Chakravorty, Department of Horticulture and Post-Harvest Technology, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati, Dr. Goutam Mandal, Department of Horticulture and Post-Harvest Technology, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati, Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist and Head, Rathindra KVK, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati and Sri. Sayak Mahato, Subject Matter Specialist (Agrometeorology), Rathindra KVK, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati and Course Co-ordinator, FoCT Training Programme were among the dignitaries present at the Valedictory Session. Participation Certificates were handed over to the Trainees by the dignitaries at the Valedictory Session.

Dr. Amiya Debnath, Deputy Director, Coconut Development Board, State Centre – Kolkata, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India being felicitated by Prof. Snehasish Chakravorty, Department of Horticulture and Post-Harvest Technology, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati at the Valedictory Session (on 07.01.2023) of the Training Programme on “Friends of Coconut Trees (FoCT)”



Dr. Amiya Debnath, Deputy Director, Coconut Development Board, State Centre – Kolkata, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India handing over the Participation Certificate at the Valedictory Session (on 07.01.2023) of the Training Programme on “Friends of Coconut Trees (FoCT)”



Group Photo of Participants of the Training Programme on “Friends of Coconut Trees (FoCT)”, organized by Coconut Development Board, State Centre – Kolkata, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India in Association with Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati from 02.01.2023 to 07.01.2023

