<u>Training on Capacity Building under Integrated Watershed Management</u> <u>Programme inaugurated at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Barapani</u>

Press Release

Division of Agricultural Engineering of ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region is organizing a three days training programme on "Capacity building" under Integrated Watershed Management Programme for the Watershed Development Team (WDT) members of Mushalpur, Baksa Soil Conservation Division from 11th – 13th August, 2014. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. S. V. Ngachan, Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region. On the occasion, Dr. Ngachan emphasized on the Integrated farming systems, vertical expansion of cropping system, water harvesting and multiple use of water for enhancing the agricultural livelihood. Dr. R. K. Singh, Head of Agricultural Engineering division urged farmers to use modern tools and machinery for agricultural operation and drudgery reduction. In this programme the WDT members will be imparted training on different soil & water conservation measures such as bunding, terracing, trenching along with the bioengineering measures, construction of lined water harvesting tanks; micro-irrigation etc. Apart from this the other important strategies like agro-forestry, organic farming, integrated farming of different crops with the fish and animal components will also be covered and demonstrated in the research farm of the Institute. The improved way of cultivation of the crops with farm mechanization and protected cultivation for high value crops will also be undertaken. The training will provide participants a bird's eye view of the prime importance of watershed approach along with introducing the improved cultivation practices which could surely increase the level of awareness among them. The programme is being coordinated by Dr. R. K. Singh, Dr. B. K. Sethy, Er. Arvind Kumar, Er. Sandip Mandal and Mr. Debasish Chakraborty, scientists of the division.

