

Awareness programme on avenue for economic empowerment



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An awareness programme on avenue for woman economic empowerment held at Tangla on September 21. The programme which was held at RC Saharia Memorial Teachers Training College hall, Tangla was organised by social worker Dr. Dipankar Saharia in association with State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD). More than three hundred woman representatives from 120 nos SHG covering 40 villages took part in the day long programme. Social Worker Kamakhya Barman in his welcome speech introduced all the guests to the people present after plantation of a few orange saplings in the college campus.

Inaugurating the programme, social worker and former civil service officer Dr.Dipankar Saharia (son of former Assam home and education minister late Ramesh Ch. Saharia) remarked that nearly eighty percent people living in the villages depend on agriculture. It was really difficult to make any progress without giving importance to agriculture sector. According to him traditional approach to agriculture in Assam could not help villagers. He strongly suggested market oriented approach in agriculture production in Assam. He also stressed the need for creating work culture among people of Assam with more and more participation of woman. Dr.Saharia suggested a few methods to enhance production. In this regard he mentioned cultivation of banana,orange,lemon or bamboo etc. He also spoke on recent Food Security Bill.

Anupam Dutta,Officer in-charge,Extension Centre, SIRD, Bezera attending the session as a resource person explained on the role and functioning of SIRD in promoting methods suitable for rural people specially for woman. He requested woman to take up projects like tailoring, beautician etc suitable for modern times. Dr.Kabyajyoti Bora spoke on animal and bird keeping by village woman for self sufficiency. According to him Bonaraja species of birds were most suitable for Assam climate which are disease resistant and easy to keep at home. Jayanta Saharia, Project Asstt. SIRD explained about the role of village woman in promoting economic upliftment of woman. He advised woman not to depend on their husband,sons or daughters even in later ages but to earn their own for self dependency.

Senior journalist Jayanta Kumar Das presided over the session which was also attended by journalists Bapan Sarma,Diganta Kumar Sarma,Ujjal Das,Nabajyoti Barua etc. More than five hundred orange and lemon saplings were distributed among the woman at the end.

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