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Report on Participation in Kisan Mela, 2018

FRC-LE, Agartala participated in “**Kisan Mela – 2018**” organised by Jana Unihan Samiti Tripura (JUST) at Boys Hostel Field, Barkathal on 16.04.2018. This year the Kisan Mela was organised with an important theme “*Effects of Chemical Fertilizer on life span of human beings and also promotion of use of organic fertilizers*”.

A total 61 stalls were set up at the venue. Participants from various **Farmers’ Clubs** participated in the program with their products. FRC-LE, Agartala also displayed posters and models of its extension activities to the visitors.

The theme of the Mela was explained with a welcome speech by Father Jeevan Kennedy, JUST and introductory remark by guest of honour Bishop Leiman, Chairman, JUST. Hon’ble MLA Sri Brishaketu Debbarma inaugurated the Kisan Mela with his inaugural address as a Chief Guest. He also encouraged the farmers for using organic fertilizers and also assured them of providing full govt. support.

Sri Pawan K Kaushik, Scientist and Head, FRC-LE, Agartala was invited as the guest speaker. Sri Kaushik apprised the visitors and the farmers clubs about the ongoing projects and other livelihood extension programs being implemented in the locality. He also informed about the demand of Treated Bamboos and also the future scope of income generation through setting up the community enterprises.

The Mela visitors which includes different tribal communities interacted with scientists and research scholars of FRC-LE regarding livelihood opportunities with vermicomposting, bamboo preservation, bamboo shoot processing, bamboo nursery, broom grass cultivation and tree farming for sandalwood and agarwood etc.



