

Azolla Experience Sharing Workshop At Khelgaon Ranchi

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(BIRVA) , Jharkhand.

In order to create awareness and also experience sharing of farmers amongst the other dairy farmers of about Azolla production which is a cheap and easily available feed for animals and also the benefits of it, BIRVA organized a workshop in Khelgaon Ranchi on 5th July 2015.

Dr Rajnikant Tirkey- Director of Animal Husbandry of Jharkhand inaugurated the event. Other dignitaries included Dr Alok Pandey Director, Dairy Department, Dr K.C Pandya Chief General Manager NABARD, Mr. Shailendra Yadav Joint Director, Dairy, Mr. C.K Singh Assistant Director of Jharkhand and Mr. A.L Yadav Additional Chief Program Coordinator BIRVA, Ranchi.



experience regarding the benefits of Azolla.

On this occasion, Director Dairy Department Dr. Alok Pandey gave a speech regarding Azolla. Azolla is easily grown in those areas also where there is scarcity of water. Milk production is increased by the use of this green fodder. Azolla is a green grass kind of fodder which is grown & floats in water bed of around 3 inches deep. This is the only fodder which consists of 22% protein. Other than this vitamins, calcium and minerals are



also available in it. By the use of Azolla animals are less prone to diseases. This fodder is easily available throughout the year and it also doesn't mean much land to be grown. He also added that in the previous year total of 16,000 women were given training about Azolla and how to produce it. This year also the planning is going on to provide training to at least 10,000 women.



Animal Husbandry Director Dr. Rajnikant Tirkey also motivated women by saying that development will take place when population of women will increase. This Azolla can be grown by the women also. This will empower women too.

Following is the list of women who shared their experience in the programme regarding Azolla:-

Sl. No.	Name	Center	District
1	Mrs. Suman Devi	Matkama	Ramgarh
2	Mrs. Reeta Devi	Matkama	Ramgarh
3.	Mrs. Seema Devi	Matkama	Ramgarh
4.	Mrs. Babita Devi	Kanak	Ramgarh
5.	Mrs. Neetu Devi	Nistra	Godda
6.	Mrs. Nanno Devi	Nistra	Godda
7.	Mrs. Sushma Devi	Shukarhuttu	Ranchi
8.	Mrs. Saraswati Devi	Shukarhuttu	Ranchi
9.	Mrs. Ruby Devi	Topran	Deoghar

On 6th July 2015 Milk Production Seminar was also organized at the same place which was inaugurated by the Honourable Chief Minister of Jharkhand Mr. Raghuvar Das. During his speech he added that for making Jharkhand self dependant in the field of milk production government will provide two cows to each family of dairy farmers free of cost and also different facilities in regard to dairy cattle development. He also said that free prime minister life insurance will be provided to the poor people of state. He not only listened to the problems of the villagers but also distributed the profit amount of Rs.56,00,000 among all for the year 2014-15 which was been generated by NDDB.

