

### Annual Farmers' Meet'2015

The annual event "Annual Farmers' Meet-2015" under Diversion Based Irrigation project was held on 26<sup>th</sup> March'2015 at the Head Office Premises of Grameen Sahara in presence of approx. 500 farmers from all the DBI villages of Kamrup and Goalpara districts of Assam where Mr. Rekibuddin Ahmed, the local MLA and the Parliamentary Secretary, Education Department, Government of Assam attended the event as the Chief Guest. Besides him Retrd. V.C. of Dibrugarh University Dr. Kulendu Pathak, Regional Manager of Assam Gramin Vikash bank Mr. Ram Krishna Sarma, Vice Chairman of Rabha Hasong Autonomous Council Mr. Rama Kanta Rabha, Sr. Press Reporter Mr. Sivcharan Kalita, Retrd. Brigadier Mr. Balen Goswami also attended the event as guests of honor.

The theme of the event was **"To move from the tendency of subsistence agriculture to produce market Surplus for enhanced and Sustainable Income"**

The Meet was inaugurated through lighting the event lamp "Banti Prajjawalan" by the 12 farmers from all the project villages and two Sr. Scientists of Horticulture Research Station, Assam Agriculture University.

In his welcome speech Mr. Sarat Ch. Das, honorable Secretary of Grameen Sahara briefly recounted the objectives of the event. In his speech he also indicated a little about the organization and its activities that have been performing by the organization for the favor of economically disadvantaged portion of the society.

Making the event more attractive honorable Sr. Scientist Dr. Bipul Deka and Dr. Kusum Kr. Deka gave their speech in two different topics on various issues related to cropping systems that should be followed by the farmers to enhance the surplus production of some remunerative crops for sustainable income.

Chief Guest Mr. Rekibuddin Ahmed appreciated Grameen Sahara for its people oriented programs that have been implementing for a few years and he exclaimed that one day Grameen Sahara would lead in this sector. He announced two Power Tillers for two for two SHGs from the project villages of Grameen Sahara. He also sanctioned Rs. 3 lacs to Grameen Sahara form his local MLA fund.

Dr. Kulendu Pathak, Mr. Balen Goswami, Ram Krishna Sarma and Mr. Ramakanta Rabha also appreciated Grameen Sahara as well as the farmers for their activities. On behalf of the farmers Progressive farmers Aditya Rabha and Sanjay Rabha narrated their experiences working with Grameen Sahara.

The Valedictory speech was given by Mr. Biswajit Mazumdar of Grameen Sahara.