New Delhi, Feb 16: DBT-Institute of Bioresources and Sustainable Development (DBT-IBSD) organized a one day training programme on Quality Planting Material Production of Ginger in association with Midas Touch, Centre for Conservation, Sustainability & Technology (CCST), Imphal at the 182 BSF Camp Damodar in Imphal East, Manipur.

Prof. Pulok Mukherjee, Director IBSD briefly highlighted the mandate of the institute to the gathering and expressed hope that this training will benefit the farmers and also commended on the role of BSF in taking up different initiatives for the socio-economic development at the community level by keeping a coherent relationship with the farmers and the villages.

Commandant Nitin Gupta highlighted on the different works undertaken by 182 Bn BSF at the community level in the field of environment and socio-economic development activities. Midas Touch senior director, Rajkumer Tomba and founder Dr. B Debkumari were also present on the occasion while Dr. AA Mao, Director, Botanical Survey of India and National Agri-Food Biotechnology Institute, Mohali executive director Prof Ashwani Pareek virtually participated in the programme and shared their views on the potential of ginger in the uplift of economy in the NE region.

Lectures were also given by Dean, Manipur University, School of Life Sciences Prof GA Shantibala Devi, Subject Matter Specialists (SMS) from Manipur University, Central Agricultural University (CAU), Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thoubal and other scientists of IBSD Imphal on different aspects of ginger.
Prof. RK Dilip of CAU, Department of Horticulture deliberated on ‘good agricultural practices for growing organic ginger’ while an interactive session between the farmers participants and KVK Thoubal SMS Dr. M Thoithoi Singh was conducted during which the latter made a thorough presentation on management of diseases of ginger in particular and banana and orange in general for organic crop production. The training programme was attended by around 100 farmers from 28 villages.

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