

Field school vital for disseminating modern farming technologies

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AGRICULTURAL officials observed proper and effective functioning of the farmers field schools could be the vital means of disseminating modern technologies among grassroots farmers for the sake of boosting farming outputs.

They termed the farmers as very important for the best uses of updated technologies. Farmers should be imparted training on balanced fertiliser use, soil health test, homestead gardening, judicious pesticide use, good poultry and cattle rearing and fish farming.

They were addressing a field day meeting titled 'Farmers Field School' at Huzripura village under Paba upazila Thursday afternoon.

Department of Agriculture Extension organised the meeting in association with

its Integrated Farm Management Component. More than 300 farmers both male and female joined the programme sharing their field level farming experiences.

DAE director (planning implementation and ICT) Bashir Uddin addressed the meeting as chief guest with additional director Abdul Hannan in the chair. Deputy director Deb Dulal Dhali, IFMC regional coordinator Habibul Haque, Upazila agriculture officer Monjur-E Mowla and union parishad chairman Akhter Faruque also spoke.

Bashir Uddin urged the field level agricultural officials and others concerned to remain beside the farmers to infuse dynamism into farming activities together with adopting modern technologies and digital method.

He called for promotion of growers' level farm mechanisation to boost crop outputs to feed the gradually

increasing population.

They revealed that the cropping intensity can be increased to 250 per cent even 400 per cent from the existing 200 per cent through reducing the existing time gap between the two crops after the best uses of the farm mechanisation.

To this end, all the officials and others concerned including the scientists and farmers should put in their level best efforts and work together.

Bashir Uddin told the meeting that mechanisation is an important tool for profitable and competitive agriculture. The need for mechanisation is increasing fast with the decrease of draft power. Without mechanisation it will not be possible to maintain multiple cropping patterns, which need quick land preparation, planting weeding, harvesting and processing.