

# Pre monsoon training programme on Azolla and Blue green algal cultivation

In Cauvery Basin of Tamil Nadu, the first season rice cultivation activities have just commenced and to sensitize the farmers on the multiplication and usage of Azolla and Blue green algae, a one-day training programme was organized at ADAC&RI, TNAU, TN, India on 11th of May.

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ADAC&RI, Trichy is one among the dissemination centers under the ClimaRice II Project. Azolla germplasm and mother inoculum centre has been established at ADAC&RI, Trichy recently under ClimaRice programme. 50 Farmers from three Clima villages including volunteers from Women Self Help Groups participated in this programme and were trained on cultivation and usage of these biofertilizers. The trainees were given a manual on azolla and 5 kg azolla mother inoculum (seed) to initiate the cultivation in their farms.



*Training farmers on azolla and blue green algae cultivation in Trichy*

Two trainees, Mrs. Leelavathy from Nallur and Mr. Sampath from Nachaloor shared their experience on behalf of the trainees and mentioned that this training had provided hands on experience on ecofriendly biofertilizers and thanked the organizers for providing the seed inoculum at free of cost to the trainees. Media persons from Tamil Daily newspaper (Dinamalar) also participated and news on this event was published in Dinamalar on the 13th of May.

For information, Ms. Saraswathy from Thirumangalam village of Lalgudi Taluk Trichy has come out with a success story of 10 % increased yield with the usage of BGA and Azolla in rice during the last season along with reduction in application of 25 kg urea.