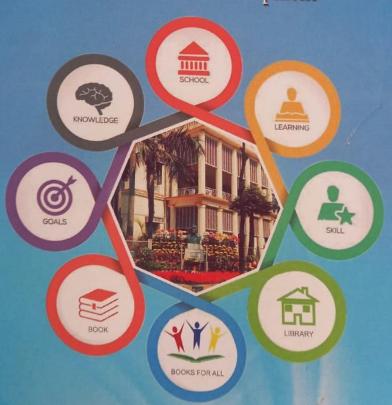
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Government Initiatives in the field of Agriculture to provide Information to the Agricultural Community in West Bengal: an overview

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Abstract :

Agriculture is the backbone of West Bengal as well as Indian economy. Agriculture in West Bengal is a diverse and extensive sector involving a large number of stake holders. Most of the fame in this sector are poor as the income is highly seasonal and depend upon the climatic condition For this reason a proper infrastructure in this field is needed to provide a platform that can provide support services and proper information to the agricultural community. To cope with this situation many initiatives are taken by the government to provide information to the farmers in West Bengal These initiatives would help in uplifting and improving the quality of living of the agricultural community In spite of the various initiatives in agriculture by the central as well as state government, agriculture universities, Research Institutions and various other stake holders, of the state remains lagging behind as compared to other state or country. Several reasons have been pointed out for but productivity which includes infrastructural factors, lack of knowledge, information transfer from research to grass root level in the agricultural community, technological factors etc. transfer of technological knowledge and information at grass root level in the agricultural community is very much necessary for the development of agriculture in west Bengal. In this aspect the role of different agricultural information officers, Information scientists, and librarians are very much important to transfer information, knowledge and technology to the grass root level in agricultural community.

Key Word: Agriculture, Agricultural Community, Government Initiatives, Information, West Bergal Objectives:

Agriculture Department in West Bengal is working closely with the agri-allied departments version and Water Ways, Horticulture, Water Resources Investigation Development, Forest, Sericulture to achieve the following objectives.

- To provide agricultural information to the farmers of West Bengal
- To ensure qualitative and quantitative improvement in agricultural production

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