SCHEMES UNDER CMSGUY

**Project on High Value Fruit Crops- Apple Beer and Dragon Fruits under CMSGUY**

**Introduction:**

The cultivation of Apple Ber has been introduced in the farmer’s field very recently and it is seen that farmers are getting high return due to high price of the fruit. The Apple Ber fruit is also very much suitable for Assam soil condition having market price of Rs. 20/- to 40/- per fruit. Dragon fruit is most high value fruit crop generally grown in the Thailand, Vietnam, Israel and Sri Lanka having market price of Rs 250 to 300 per kg in India.

Keeping in view the high demand of originally grown fruit, the cultivation of Apple Ber and dragon fruit has been undertaken commercially with financial assistance from CMSGUY. Soil of Assam are also suitable for the crops and there are both local and national markets for immediate selling of the products. The method of cultivation is organic method of cultivation prescribed by National Centre of organic Farming. KVK, Goalpara has introduced in Sept. 2016 at their farm.

**Objective:**

The project will be implemented through cultivation of Apple Ber and Dragon Fruit as main crop. Turmeric will be cultivated as intercrop in between of Apple Ber and Papaya in Dragon Fruit cultivation. The method of cultivation is organic method of cultivation prescribed by National Centre of organic Farming. The main objective of the scheme are as follows:

1. To self-employ the beneficiaries through horticulture farming.
2. Introduction of high value crops so that better market price can be fetched.
3. Utilizing cultivable waste high land for farming activities.
4. To protect the illegal encroachment and damage of forest land.
5. To export the high value fruit crops.