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**Attended by over 50 NGOs of Rajasthan
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT INTERACTS WITH NGOs TO PROMOTE ORGANICFARMING**

Jaipur, 17 august: The Agriculture Department, Government of Rajasthan today held a meeting with over 50 NGOs from Rajasthan to work towards organic farming in a uniform manner. Various topics like standardization of guidelines fororganic farming; facilitation of organic farming certificate; motivating the farmers to adopt organic farming, among others were discussed at the Pant Krishi Bhawan in Jaipur.

On the occasion, the Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Ms. Neelkamal Darbari said that the objective of the meeting was to encourage organic farming all over the state. She further informed that the Department is planning to organize a five day organic farming training programme in Jaipur for NGOs, farmers as well as the department officials. It is to be noted that the State is giving high priority on developing organic farming in districts like Banswara, Churu, Sikar and Dungarpur where farmers are involved in such farming in big numbers. Director, Agriculture, Mr. Ambrish Kumar was also present on the occasion.

Among the NGOs which attended the meeting today were: Gramin Avsarnchna Vikas Sansthan (Nawalgarh); DishaOrganic Science-Tech Industries (Jaipur); Banyan Roots (Udaipur) and Shrushti (Jaipur). Ms. Subhita Sigar of Gramin Avsarnchna Vikas Sansthan said that this meeting will help us in working closely with the Government to reach out to maximum farmers. Working under one umbrella with the Government will facilitate in providing accurate information and techniques to the farmers regarding organic farming, she added.

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