Santirbazar, 22nd March 2013. Smoke curing of fish is a traditional practice in North-eastern states of Tripura by the tribal farmers. The Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT) has made significant efforts in developing Community Fish Smoking Kilns (CoFiSKis) which facilitate the production of smoke cured fish of high quality, longer shelf life, better nutrition and price realization.

A fabricated CoFiSKi is installed at KVK, Birchandra Manu, South Tripura by the Scientists of CIFT. This was followed by training-cum-demonstration to about 50 farmers (tribal & non-tribal) including farm women of South Tripura and Gomati district. Sri A.K. Panigrahi, Technical Officer and Smt. Jesmi Debarma, Scientist from CIFT demonstrated the technology practically and given one packet smoked (dried) fish samples to each farmer.

The Skill Orientation Programmes on CoFiSKi was organized in collaboration with Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region (Tripura Centre) and KVK, South Tripura. Dr. A.K. Singh, Programme Coordinator, L. Sahoo and C. Debnath, Fishery Scientists of ICAR, Dr. B. Debnath, SMS (Fishery), Ingita Gohain, SMS (Home Science) and Md. T.A. Khan, Prog. Asstt were present during the programme. A similar programme was also organised at ICAR, Lembucherra on 20th March 2013 for the farmers of West Tripura.