

## DSP FARM Abhayapuri, catering to the need for quality coconut plating material

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Coconut Development Board, DSP Farm Abhayapuri was established during the year 1986-87. The total land was divided into three blocks. Roads divide all the three blocks i.e. A, B and C. There are 2558, 883 and 376 coconut trees in A, B and C blocks respectively.

The farm is situated 3.5 Kms away from Abhayapuri Town and 200 Kms away from Guwahati City, Assam. It has around 40 hectares area. Out of the total 3817 coconut palms, 2570 are bearing palms. There are three water reservoirs in the Farm which are the major source of irrigation. Diesel pumpsets are used for the irrigation.

The DSP Farm ensures timely harvest of coconut seed nut collection and sowing on the vacant nursery after proper nursery bed preparation and regular

certification and sale of coconut seedlings. Plant protection measures are adopted on need basis.

The Farm utilized all available source of irrigation especially from all three water reservoirs by using diesel pump sets to irrigate the palms and raising coconut nursery. The coconut production reached the highest level during this year compared to the previous years.

A Committee visited different districts of Assam i.e. Baksa, Nalbari and Kamrup for selection of mother palms from where seednuts are to be collected for raising coconut seedlings at Commercial Nursery of Coconut Development Board, DSP Farm Abhayapuri. Seed nuts were procured from the selected trees from Baksa, Nalbari and Kamrup district. ■

**Block-wise/variety-wise coconut plant population (2017-18)**

Block	Tall	Dwarf	Hybrid	Exotic	Total
A	1295	1059	(D x T) 204	-	2558
B	496	-	(T x D) 387	-	883
C	148	-	-	228	376
Total	1939	1059	228	591	3817