Forest Research Center for Livelihood Extension conducted training programme on 25th March, 2022 at Nagrai Bari ICDS Centre, Purba Barjala, Jirania R.D. Block. The training programme began by welcoming the participants followed by introduction of 62 participants. Shri Niren Das, ACTO, FRCLE, Agartala in his opening remarks, highlighted the importance of vermicomposting and mentioned that there is a growing realization now that the adoption of economical, eco-friendly and sustainable farming practices can improve productivity and contribute to environmental protection. He also said that Vermicompost can play a vital role in improving the economic condition of rural people through commercial production as the raw materials required for establishment of the low cost vermicomposting unit are abundant in the local area. All the participants actively participated by interacting with the officials of FRCLE, Agartala and BASIX Krishi Samruddhi Limited (BKSL), Tripura in the training programme. The hands-on training programme and practical demonstration are also conducted on construction of bamboo vermicomposting unit/structure with the help of a master trainer facilitated by FRCLE, Agartala. The technical details on Vermicomposting techniques involving construction of bamboo vermicomposting unit and its establishment using locally available resources were practically demonstrated. *Eisenia fetida*, the preferred and suitable earth worms which was brought from FRCLE, is also added in newly established vermicompost production unit. The trainees were further suggested to replicate the model in their localities with an assurance to continue to provide them the necessary technical support from FRCLE, Agartala for smooth running of their low cost vermicomposting units.
Glimpses of the Training Programme