

## **Annual Action Plan Formulation Workshop of KVKs under Zone-III for 2012-13**

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The Annual Workshops, 2012-13 for formulating Action Plans of KVKs under Zone-III were conducted in four different locations; the first one at KVK, Dimapur, Nagaland on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of February, 2012 for the KVKs of Manipur and Nagaland, the second one at KVK, Ri-bhoi, Meghalaya on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of February, 2012 for the KVKs of Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, and Tripura, the third one at KVK, Kamrup, Assam on 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of February, 2012 for the KVKs of Assam, and the fourth and final one at Directorate of Agriculture, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Naharlagun on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of February, 2012 for the KVKs of Arunachal Pradesh.

The technical sessions of the workshops commenced with opening remark and elaborate presentation by Dr. A.K. Gogoi, Zonal Project Director, Zone-III on identification and prioritization of thematic areas under different major disciplines for carrying out the mandated activities by KVKs under the zone. He comprehensively stated the inevitable need for maintaining inclusiveness, clarity, and sincerity while chalking out the action plans. Dr. A.K. Gogoi further added that all the KVKs must have to maintain impeccable accountability and timeliness of submission of reports to the Directorate. The delegates present at the different workshops threw lights on several aspects w.r.t points to be considered while formulating Annual Action Plans. Dr. B.C. Deka, Jt. Dir., ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region (Nagaland centre) stressed upon certain standards, needed to be maintained while incorporating activities into action plan. Dr. H.C. Bhattacharyya, Dir.( Extension Education), AAU, Jorhat talked about the complementary, supplementary, secondary agriculture and its components which are to be taken into sincere consideration while preparing the action plan. Dr. A.K. Tripathy, Nodal Officer, KVKs, Zone-III drew attention of the PCs in certain aspects of marketing and linkage. Salient points encompassing deworming, vaccination, housing, and feeding management in livestock and birds were highlighted by a team of veterinary scientists, led by Dr. N. Nahardeka, PI, AICRP, Goat Improvement Programme, Goat Research Station, Bornihat. The technical sessions continued with presentations by the Programme Coordinators of KVKs on their respective annual action plans as proposed, concurrent discussion and suggestion by the house, and final consideration of the Zonal Project Director.

Among the issues emerged, and critically reviewed through pull of opinion, the most important ones were agro-ecology based optimization of cropping sequence, alternate cropping systems, horticulture based sustainable farming system models, canopy management in fruit crops,

landscaping, OFTs and FLDs on high value crops, floriculture, colocassia, tapioca, orchard rejuvenation, beneficial insects and organisms, soil dwelling microbes for soil health management, eco-fallow management, conservation tillage, plantation of multipurpose tree species, drip irrigation protected cultivation, in-situ management of biomass, social aspects of technologies, women friendly farm implements, marketing channel, marketed and marketable surplus, marketing intelligence, scope of rabbitry and rattery in certain districts, feeding management in pig, prophylactic measures in fishery, mason type raised floor housing for goat, innovative ways of post harvest processing and value addition, renewable energy sources and their use, training of civil society and public representatives (e.g. Panchayat leaders), celebration of important days (e.g. KVK establishment day, ICAR day, Farmers' innovation day) etc.

The workshops finally came into an end with formal vote of thanks by the heads of their respective organizations.

#### **General recommendations:**

1. The vacant posts of KVKs need to be filled up on priority.
2. The already developed infrastructure should be utilized effectively and proposals for remaining infrastructure need to be submitted for consideration during XII<sup>th</sup> Plan.
3. Farmland needs to be developed by most of the KVKs with proper layout and technologies to be demonstrated effectively.
4. Utilization of revolving fund by most of the KVKs is not satisfactory; hence, appropriate initiatives are to be taken to utilize the fund in an efficient manner.
5. Action plan needs to be prepared as per the identified thematic areas under different major disciplines.
6. It has been observed that the mandated activities are not conducted by the SMSs as per the guideline, henceforth PCs will have to look into the matter critically and proper allotment of activities need to be ensured.
7. There is a need for conducting OFTs/FLDs in a cropping system mode. KVKs should identify major cropping systems of the district and demonstration will have to be laid out accordingly.

8. It is observed that the parameters for evaluation of OFTs/FLDs are not properly worked out for most of the activities. Concerned SMSs should specifically work out the relevant parameters for evaluation of the demonstrations.
9. More thrust needs to be given upon vocational training programmes for encouraging entrepreneurship amongst the rural youths.
10. The activities under livestock component are comparatively less in number and there is an urgent need for initiating more activities in the thematic areas of housing, feeding management, fodder production, hygienic and clinical activities and breed improvement.
11. None of the KVKs are properly working on the impact studies of already disseminated technologies with established methodologies. Each KVK should work out at least one study on impact assessment of successful technologies.
12. In North Eastern Hill Region, Agroforestry is one of the major thrust areas more particularly in the degraded shifting cultivated areas. All the KVKs of the region should develop nurseries of Multipurpose Tree Species (MPTS) and needs to promote those in the farmers' fields.
13. The activities under Home Science is inadequate and not properly worked out in the action plan. SMSs of Home Science need work out the activities as per the identified thematic areas and also explore the possibilities of more convergence with the line departments.
14. SMSs of Agricultural Extension/ Economics need to work out the areas of group formation, impact studies, technology backstopping, linkages and convergence with line departments and market led extension programmes.
15. The proposed activities under fishery component are mostly on variety improvement and integrated farming systems. However, there is a need for proposing activities under pond management, feeding management, disease management and processing and packaging. During 2012-13, more activities under the above mentioned thematic areas need to be worked out.

