

Zonal Project Directorate, Zone-III in collaboration with National Institute of Rural Development successfully organizes a three days training programme on “Extension Strategies for Small Farm Development in North East Region”

The Zonal Project Directorate, Zone-III, Umiam, Meghalaya in collaboration with the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj- North Eastern Regional Centre, Guwahati organized a three days training programme during October 27-29, 2014 on “Extension Strategies for Small Farm Development in North East Region” for the KVK personnel of the region. Dr. S. Paul, Scientist, ZPD-III, Umiam was the Course Director of the training programme. A total of eighteen trainee participants including Programme Coordinators, Subject Matter Specialists of different disciplines, Programme Assistants and farm managers of KVKs all over the North Eastern region actively participated in the training programme. The programme comprised of mainly three sessions- inaugural, lecture and valedictory. The resource persons delivering lectures and taking practical exercise based classes in course of the training programme hailed from different well recognized organizations, like ICAR, National Institute of Rural Development, Assam Agricultural University and National Fisheries Development Board.

The inaugural session of the training programme started at 10:00 hrs. on 27th of October, 2014 under the chairmanship of Dr. A.K. Gogoi, Zonal Project Director, Zone-III who in his jubilant remarks appreciated

the efforts of Dr. S. Paul, Course Director for organizing the training programme on the important topic that too highly relevant to the agrarian conditions of the North Eastern region. Dr. S. Paul in his welcome address specifically pointed out the need for organizing the particular training programme for the KVK personnel, the expected outcome and the practical implications of the training programme. The other dignitaries, Dr. K. Haloi, Assoc. Prof., NIRD&PR-NERC, Guwahati and Dr. B. Lahon, Sr. Consultant, NFDB, Guwahati talked on the increasing importance of the KVKs in the region in promoting different other rural based enterprises for socioeconomic upliftment of the small and marginal farmers. Dr. R. Bordoloi, Co-Course Director and Pr. Scientist, ZPD, Zone-III proposed the vote of thanks.

The lectures and practical exercise based classes continued after the inaugural session. Different areas like methodological aspects of rural development in general and small and marginal famers in particular, extension strategies under resource starved and climatic stress conditions, group approaches for small farm development, integration of small scale enterprises to small and marginal farm based livelihood, psycho-social aspects of small and marginal farmers were covered in course of the training programme. Dr.



Dr. A.K. Gogoi, ZPD, Zone-III addressing the participants during inaugural session of the training programme



Participants attentively listening to the lectures during the training programme

Dr.

R.M. Pant, Director, NIRD&PR-NERC, Guwahati delivered a special lecture on motivation management for development for sustaining interest of the KVK personnel in enthusiastically undertaking their mandated activities in the rural settings. Apart from crop based enterprises, livestock, fisheries and other allied enterprises were brought into the discussion by different speakers. The participants of the training programme were assigned individual and group tasks in some sessions which included brain storming, buzz session and presentations. The lecture sessions came to an end on the third day (29th of October, 2014) at 15:30 hrs.

The valedictory session of the training programme started at 15:45 hrs. on 29th of October, 2014 which was graced by Dr. R.M. Pant, Director, NIRD&PR, Guwahati and Dr. B.K. Bhattacharjya, Head, CIFRI Regional Station, Guwahati. The session continued with opening remarks and presentation of proceedings of the training programme by the Co- Course Director, encouraging speeches by the dignitaries, obtaining feedback from the participants, distribution of certificates to the participants and finally proposal of vote of thanks by the Course Director. As a whole, the three days training programme organized by the Zonal Project Directorate, Zone-III, Umiam in convergence mode was found to be a successful endeavour towards human resource development.



Dr. R.M. Pant, Director, NIRD, Guwahati awarding certificate to a participant of the training programme



Participants including organizers of the 3 days training programme on "Extension Strategies for Small Farm Development in NE Region"