

### **Zonal Project Directorate-III Successfully organized Annual Zonal Workshop at Imphal, Manipur**

On 25<sup>th</sup> of April, 2012, Annual Zonal Workshop, Zone-III, ICAR Research Complex for NEH, Umiam was organized at Hotel Imphal, Imphal, Manipur. This workshop was jointly organized by Zonal Project Directorate, Zone-III, Umiam, Meghalaya and Utlou Joint Farming cum Pisciculture Society, Utlou, Manipur under the host ship of KVK Bishnupur, Manipur.

The inaugural session was chaired by Shri. Chaoba Singh, Chairman, Utlou Joint Farming cum Pisciculture Society & former Union Minister in the presence of Guests of Honor Dr. P.G. Chegappa, former VC of UAS Bangalore, Karnataka; Dr. K. K. Jindal, former ADG, ICAR; Dr. B.K. Konwar, VC, Nagaland University; Dr. Palendro Singh, Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Manipur; Dr. H. C. Bhattacharya, Director of Extension Education, AAU, Assam. Representatives of all the KVKs in North Eastern Region including Programme Coordinators and Subject Matter Specialist from different KVKs. Inaugural session was started by Lighting of traditional Manipur lamp & welcome address of Dr. Imotomba Singh, Programme coordinator of KVK Bishnupur. Dr. A. K. Gogoi, Zonal Project Director, Zone-III, Umiam, Meghalaya thrown light on the themes and objectives of Annual Zonal Workshop. Representatives of Department of Agriculture from different states, Scientists of ICAR Research complex, Imphal center, SMS from KVKs etc. attended the session. During the session Guests released different publications of Zonal Project Directorate and publications of KVKs including Booklets, Leaflets, folders and informative calendars published during the last year, were also released by the guests. Vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. A. K. Singha, Senior Scientist, ZPD-III, Umiam.

This workshop is organized to review the progress during 2011-2012 of KVKs in NE region. For the detailed discussion three day chain of technical session is outlined under the chairmanship of panel of experts. Different developmental issues for the XII five year plan were also taken under consideration to uplift the efficiency and outreach of KVKs in region. Dr. Dr. P.G. Chegappa, delivered visionary presentation on topic "Contract Farming and Market Led Extension" to motivate the extension functionaries of NE region. Dr. K. K. Jindal also made presentation for improving the Horticulture sector of the NE region. He also emphasized on need of developing proper horticulture farming system modules for the shifting cultivated-degraded areas of the region.

During visit to Bishnupur KVK, Guest of Honor Dr. P.G. Chegappa inaugurated the newly established "Carp Hatchery Unit". "Soil Testing Laboratory" and "Mushroom production unit" was also inaugurated by Dr. A. K. Gogoi and Dr. Palendro Singh respectively in presence of all the delegates of workshop.



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(Dr. Chengappa inaugurating Carp Hatchery Unit, KVK Bishnupur)