

Visit of Secretary, DARE, & DG, ICAR to Krishi Vigyan Kendra– Senapati, Manipur

Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, Dr. S. Ayyappan visited KVK Senapati, a hill district of Manipur on **12th May 2012**. He was accompanied by Dr. K.D. Kokate, Deputy Director General (Agril Extension) and Dr. A.K. Gogoi, Zonal Project Director, Zone-III. Dr. S.N. Puri, Vice-Chancellor, Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Shri P.K. Jha, District Collector, Senapati district, Dr. N. Prakash, Joint Director, ICAR, Manipur Centre, Dr. M. Premjit Singh, Director of Extension Education, Central Agricultural University, Programme Coordinators of KVKs of Manipur, representatives of line departments and farmers were present during the visit. Earlier, Dr. Ayyappan inaugurated the staff quarters of KVK Senapati and its Automatic Weather Station (AWS) under NICRA project. He was impressed with the beautiful location of the staff quarters and the quality of report of the weather data collected through the AWS. Later he visited the instructional farm of the KVK including the Centre for Orchid Gene Conservation of the Eastern Himalayan (COGCEHR). DG, ICAR highly appreciated the facilities available with the KVK to conserve and develop the rare, endangered and endemic orchid species along with common orchid species found in the region.



Inauguration of Staff residential complex by Dr. S. Ayyappan Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR

Later, Dr. K.D. Kokate, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR in presence of the Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR and other dignitaries inaugurated the Sun Tracker Solar Irrigation System at KVK Senapati. This innovative and water saving technology of sprinkler and drip irrigation system in hilly areas of the state was deeply appreciated by the Director General and the initiatives and efforts in this regard were also thankfully acknowledged to Shri Haokholet Kipgen, President FEEDS/KVK.



Inauguration of Sun Tracker Solar Irrigation System by Dr. K. D. Kokate, Deputy Director General (Agri. Extn.), ICAR

Dr. A.K. Gogoi, Zonal Project Director, Zone III, Barapani as per programme agenda also inaugurated the Soil Testing Laboratory of the KVK Senapati in presence of all dignitaries.



**Inauguration of Soil Testing Laboratory by Dr. A.K. Gogoi Zonal Project Director, (ZPD) Zone III,
Barapani**

Dr S. Ayyapan also had an interaction with the farmers, officers from state line departments and scientists of KVKs. He was satisfied with the facility at the soil testing lab and the data regarding the soil status of several villages of Senapati district and the integrated farming system model developed at the KVK campus and urged upon other KVKs of the state to replicate the same in their respective districts.

He stressed upon the importance and production of quality seeds and breeds in enhancing production and productivity of the farmers and urged the scientists to go for quality seed and planting materials production as these two interventions will boost the production and productivity of food grains, fruits and vegetables in the district. The DG also distributed critical agricultural inputs among the farmers under FLD and NICRA programmes. The Director General assured of all possible support from ICAR in the XIIth five year plan and made a concluding remark that KVK-Senapati deserves more than what it is expected as a knowledge and resource centre for agricultural technologies.