

Zonal Project Directorate (Zone-III) successfully organizes the Annual Zonal Workshop 2012-13 of KVKs of Zone-III

The Annual Zonal Workshop 2012-13 of KVKs was successfully organized by the Zonal Project Directorate (Zone-III) in collaboration with College of Veterinary Science, Assam Agricultural University, Khanapara during 28th to 30th of May, 2013. Dr. K.M. Bujarbaruah, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat was the chief guest of the inaugural session of the workshop. The other dignitaries present on the Dias were Dr. K. Borkakoti, Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Assam, Dr. R.N. Goswami, Dean, College of Veterinary Science, Khanapara, Dr. A. K. Gogoi, Zonal Project Director, Zone- III, Dr. H.C. Bhattacharyya, Director of Extension Education, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat, Dr. Premjit Singh, Director of Extension Education, Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur, Dr. Dilip Sharma, Director, NRC Pig, Rani, and Dr. A.K. Singha, Principal Scientist, Zonal Project Directorate, Zone-III, Umiam, Meghalaya. The Chief Guest in his highly thought instigating speech emphasized the enormous role of KVKs of the region to work in convergence with the various developmental agencies to enhance the productivity of major food crops of the region at par the national level and thus achieving self adequacy in food production and securing the livelihood of the farmers of North East. The Zonal Project Director, Zone-III threw light on the theme, objectives, importance and other relevant areas of the workshop. The inaugural session continued with the remarks of other dignitaries and release of some important publications of Zonal Project Directorate, Zone-III and KVKs of the region. The session came to an end with the formal vote of thanks by Dr. A.K. Singha, Principal Scientist, Zonal Project Directorate, Zone-III, Umiam, Meghalaya.

The three day workshop comprised of six technical sessions and a valedictory function. Dr. H.C. Bhattacharyya, Director of Extension Education, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat and Dr. Premjit Singh, Director of Extension Education, Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur were the chairmen of different sessions. There were fifteen presentations by fifteen selected KVK Programme Coordinators on achievement made against the target set during 2012-13 by the KVKs of the region under different mandated activities like On Farm Testing, Front Line Demonstration, training, extension activities, production and distribution of planting materials and bio-products etc. Presentations were also delivered by some important invited guests like Dr. T.K. Bag, In-charge, Central Potato Research Station, Upper Shillong, Dr. S. Saikia, In-charge, Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship, Guwahati, Dr. A. Chakrabarty, Director (Research), College of Veterinary Science, Khanapara and Dr. K.B. Pun, In-charge, Rainfed Lowland Rice Research Station, Gerua, Assam.

The major recommendations of the workshop were – conducting OFTs in cropping system mode, promotion of established and profitable IFS modules through FLDs, giving more thrust on livestock and fishery component and stress on linkage and convergence with different institutions and

sponsored schemes, adoption of appropriate methodologies in conducting OFTs and FLDs, documentation of success stories and feedback to the different stakeholders, providing suitable technology backstopping, impact analysis of activities undertaken and taking into larger consideration the ‘quality aspect’ while producing and distributing planting materials and bio-products. The valedictory session of the workshop commenced with a brief presentation of the major recommendations by Dr. S. Paul, Scientist, Zonal Project Directorate, Zone-III. The session came to an end with an encouraging remark of the chairman.



Chief Guest of the inaugural session, Dr. K.M. Bujarbaruah, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat addressing the participants



Dr. A.K. Gogoi, Zonal Project Director, Zone-III releasing some of the publications of KVKs of Zone-III