

2 days HRD-cum-Training programme on 'ICT based Approaches for agricultural technology dissemination In North East India' successfully organized by ZPD, Zone-III

Zonal Project Directorate, Zone-III, Umiam, Meghalaya organized Human Resource Development programme i.e. two day training programme titled 'ICT based Approaches for agricultural technology dissemination In North East India' for the Programme Assistants (Computer) of KVKs in Zone-III at CIFRI, Regional Centre, Guwahati during 26th and 27th September 2013. This programme aimed at fostering the dissemination of agricultural technologies and to strengthen effective reporting mechanism by using progressive ICT tools.

Dr. A. K. Gogoi, Zonal Project Director, Zone-III, Umiam, Meghalaya urged participants to adopt innovative online tools and techniques for quicker transfer of information as well as technology. Dr. Mallikarjun Hanji, Computer Programmer, ZPD-VIII, Bangalore also delivered lecture on practical use of Management Information System in KVK system for maintaining databases. Mr. Amol Bhalerao, Scientist (AE), ZPD-III was the course coordinator for this training programme. He stressed upon use of open source softwares and its implementation in KVK system. Mr. Johannes Wahlang, Computer Programmer, ZPD-III, Umiam and course coordinator focused on various ICT related issues and use of department of agriculture and cooperation's farmer portal for sending free SMS to farmers.

In this programme 40 participants from all states of North East India participated actively. As an outcome of training programme, all participants and organizers have initiated a process to publish a **HANDBOOK OF COMPUTING FOR KVKs**. This programme will benefit immensely to all KVKs in NE region as specific roles and responsibilities are identified for the programme assistant (computer) of KVKs. Knowledge gained through this training will greatly facilitate faster communication of information, proper storage of data and cost saving use of softwares. The programme was concluded by valedictory session where certificates were awarded by Dr. A. K. Gogoi, Zonal Project Director, Zone-III, Umiam, Meghalaya.