

Quinquennial Review Team visited ICAR-ATARI Umiam, Meghalaya on 16th October 2019

Quinquennial Review Team under the Chairmanship of Dr. K. D. Kokate, former DDG (AE) visited ICAT-ATARI Umiam to review the progress of KVKs of Northeastern region on 16th of October 2019. Dr. B. S. Hansra, Former ADG (AE), Dr. A. K. Vashisht, Former ADG (PIM) and Dr. H. C. Bhattacharya, Former DEE, AAU, Jorhat accompanied him to conduct the travel workshop of KVKs of Meghalaya state. Dr. Bidyut C. Deka, Director ICAR-ATARI, Umiam while welcoming the dignitaries briefed the gathering about the genesis of KVKs in the region.



In his address, Dr. K. D. Kokate explained key points of terms of reference issued by council to review ICAR-ATARIs and KVKs in Northeastern region. He stressed on highlighting salient achievements of KVKs with reference to the special programs implemented by KVKs beside mandated activities that are aimed at doubling farmers' income.

Dr. B. S. Hansra highlighted the need of upscaling technology dissemination through ICTs and innovative methodologies that would target larger chunk of farming population in the NER. Dr. A. K. Vashisht stressed on fund utilization and finance related issues in KVKs that hamper the performance of KVKs. He urged Directors of ATARI Umiam and ATARI Guwahati to extend PFMS in all KVKs of NER.

Earlier today, Dr. A. K. Tripathi, Director ICAR-ATARI Guwahati and Dr. Bidyut C. Deka, Director ICAR-ATARI Umiam presented the significant achievements of their respective institutes from 2011-12 to 2018-19. In post lunch session, Heads from all KVKs of Meghalaya briefly presented achievements of their respective KVKs for review period. The QRT Chairman and other members appreciated the achievements of KVKs of Meghalaya and complimented them for their performance in spite of various operational constraints.



Dr. B. K. Kandpal, Director ICAR RC for NEH region, Umiam, Dr. A. K. Jha, Principal Scientist and Nodal officer of KVKs under the ICAR RC for NEH region, Umiam also attended the program. The workshop ended with vote of thanks by Dr. A. K. Singha, Principal Scientist and Member Secretary for QRT 2011-18.

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