

DG, ICAR inaugurates Administrative building of ICAR-ATARI, Umiam

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR) inaugurated the Administrative Building of ICAR-ATARI, Umiam on 1st June 2019 in the sidelines of valedictory function of Annual Zonal Workshop of KVKs under zone-VII, Umiam held during May 30 to June 01, 2019 at its Institute in Umiam with the participation of 43 KVKs. In his inaugural address, Dr. Mohapatra urged the KVKs to devote their energy to double the farmers' income in at least two villages per district by 2022 in convergence mode with the line departs and other Institutes of NARS system. He appreciated the support rendered by the VC, AAU Jorhat and VC CAU, Imphal towards the functioning of KVKs in fulfilling the mandates of the KVKs. Dr. Mohapatra also appreciated the Director, ICAR- ATARI for timely completion of the construction of the administrative building.

Dr. A. K. Singh, DDG (Ag. Extn) in his speech highlighted the importance of KVKs in the national scenario. Dr. Singh assured support for the KVKs to successfully implement various projects like Farmer FIRST Program, ARYA, NARI, KSHAMTA etc. He also complemented the Director ICAR-ATARI, Umiam and his team for catering the needs of farmers in Northeastern region of India.

Dr. K. M. Bujarbaruah, VC (AAU Jorhat), on this occasion, lauded the efforts of KVKs to transfer the technologies to farmers and also proposed to promote agripreneurship development in the region. He stressed on strengthening of KVKs with additional facilities and support to fulfil the expectations of the stakeholders.

Prof. M. Premjit Singh, VC (CAU Imphal) also congratulated the team of ICAR-ATARI and KVKs for promoting livelihood security among weaker sections. He highlighted the significant contribution of KVKs in the region in empowering farmers by citing the example of award winning women farmer from Manipur at national level.

Earlier, in his welcome address Dr. Bidyut C. Deka, Director ICAR-ATARI, Umiam presented a brief account of the achievement of the KVKs in last two years and expressed his sincere thanks to Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR), Dr. A. K. Singh, DDG (Ag. Extn) and CPWD, Shillong for their constant support and guidance in completing the construction of administrative building.

On this occasion various publications of ICAR-ATARI were also released by the dignitaries. The program ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. A. K. Singha, Principal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI, Umiam.

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