

TECHNICAL SESSION
(Presentation of Annual Report)

Date: 15th September, 2008 (Forenoon)

Chairman: Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Zonal Coordinator, Zone-III

Co- Chairman: Dr. R. Bhagawati, Jt. Director, ICAR, Arunachal Pradesh

Rapporteur:

1. Dr. H.K. Kalita, SMS, KVK, Dhubri

2. Mr. J.K. Sharma, SMS, KVK, Barpeta

The Chairman requested DEE, AAU to brief about activities of KVKs of Assam Agricultural University. In his address, Dr. B. Bhowmick, DEE, AAU expressed that most of the KVKs are under staffed and steps/actions have been initiated for recruitment of KVK staff and within 1st week of Nov. 2008 all the 19 KVKs will be equipped with full strength.

Dr. O.P. Singh, Director of Agriculture, Govt. of Mizoram outlined activities of 8KVKs of his state and including present infra-structural facilities available.

Dr. R. Bhagawati, Jt. Director, ICAR, Arunachal Pradesh narrated activities of KVK, West Siang, Arunachal Pradesh. He mentioned that organizations like NABARD, NEC etc. have started sponsoring some of the programmes of the above mentioned KVK.

Dr. R. Sharma, DEE, CAU, briefly outlined about activities of 3 KVKs under CAU located at Manipur, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh.

Technical session-I (Forenoon)

The annual reports presented by the KVKs are summarized hereunder:

Name of KVK	Presented By	Recommendation of the House
Bongaigaon, Assam	Dr. S.K. Paul, (PC)	Dr. P.Das, DDG (Extn.) suggested to clearly indicate the parameters like "late sown condition", and "plant stand". He said that reporting year should be 2008-09 instead of

		2007-08. OFTs for different crops should consider and compare the results of different agro-ecological situations. For each OFT, the concerned agro-ecological situation should be clearly mentioned. The number of demonstrations should be at par with the scientific staff position. He inquired about the absence of seed and planting materials production in the KVK and advised to start immediately.
Kamrup, Assam	Dr. D.N. Kalita, (PC)	DDG (Extn.), Dr. P. Das emphasized that the parameter of "Rainfed" should be elaborated and specified and explained the concept for the benefit of the scientists. He advised the KVK not to take up old varieties for demonstration in farmers' field.
<p>Date: 15th September 2008</p> <p><u>Technical Session- II (Afternoon)</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rapporteurs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. U.Kalita, SMS, Kamrup 2. Dr. S.K.Baishya, SMS, Ri Bhoi 		
Goalpara, Assam	Dr. H. Choudhury, i/c)PC)	Incorporation of identified problems in OFTs. Inclusion of problems of breeding/reproduction (if any) in case of non-descriptive breeds of animals were suggested during his presentation.
West Siang, Arunachal Pradesh	Sri Pranab Singh, (SMS)	All OFTs should be conducted as FLD. Concepts related to different KVK activities should be clarified before taking up for implementation.
Imphal West,	Dr. B.C. Singh,	OFT-Breeding of Asian Cat fish magur using

Manipur	(PC)	scientific hormone. Ovaprim to be considered as a good OFT and details of the OFTs should be submitted to the ZC, Zone-III, Barapani. OFTs under Horticulture and Plant Pathology should be conducted as FLD. OFT under Home science: Quality and duration of food should be mentioned separately.
Senapati, Manipur	Dr. R.K. Imotomba, (PC)	Suggested to Include reports on water harvesting structures as well as soil and water testing laboratory. All OFTs to be conducted as FLD. Forest species using as vegetable should be included separately.
Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya	Dr. R.M. Bordoloi, (PC)	Existing 7 SMSs should be restricted to the maximum of 6 as per the ICAR norms. OFTs should be conducted as FLD.
Dimapur, Nagaland	Dr. (Mrs) Anamika Sharma, (PC)	Suggested to exclude poultry feed OFT. Exclude OFT on Composite Fish Culture.
East Sikkim, Sikkim	Dr. A.K. Mohanty, (PC)	Suggested to exclude OFT on silage making. Recast FLD under sub head enterprise and submit to the ZC Unit accordingly.
Aizawl, Mizoram	Dr. K.P. Choudhury, (PC)	Correction should be made on- weighted average and Arithmetic average in FLD data.
DDG's Remark: Quality of presentation is slightly improved than the last year's presentation and there is scope for further improvement.		
Dated: 16th September, 2008 (Forenoon)		
Technical Session-III		

<p>Chairman: Dr. B.C. Bhowmick, DEE, AAU</p> <p>Co- Chairman: Dr. R.K. Talukdar, Prof. & Head, Deptt. of Extn., AAU, Jorhat</p> <p>Rapporteurs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. J.K. Sharma, SMS, KVK Barpeta 2. Mr. R.J. Borah, Prog. Asstt., KVK Golaghat 		
Barpeta, Assam	Dr. R. Sharmah, (PC)	The house suggested recasting the problem statement of the OFT entitled 'Recycling of Farm Waste for increased production of rice'. The Chairman suggested removing qualitative terms from results. He also advised to specify 'Farmers' Practice'. He was further advised to check the B: C ratio in the FLD on Integrated Crop Management of Rice (Var. Lachit).
Chandel, Manipur	Mr. G.P. Kabui, (i/c PC)	The Chairman suggested including problem-cause diagram for OFTs. He also suggested including only new technologies for OFTs. He was further advised by the House to improve the content and style of presentation.
Cachar, Assam	Dr. H.K. Majumdar, (PC)	The Chairman suggested redefining problem statements in OFTs. He was also advised to take up seed certification.
Dhubri, Assam	Dr. S. Saikia, (PC)	The house suggested the PC to check the net return computation in the OFT on summer rice, var. Joymati.
Churachandpur, Manipur	Mr. S.K. Raman, (PC)	The house advised the PC to rectify the problem statements of OFT. She was also advised to depict the results of OFT and FLDs in a systematic manner.
Tirap,	Dr. N. Kumar,	The KVK was advised by the house for

Arunachal Pradesh	(PC)	continued evaluation of the rapeseed varieties in FLD on oilseed. The house suggested increasing the number of activities to commensurate with the scientific staff strength of the KVK.
Golaghat, Assam	Dr. H.C. Boruah, (PC)	The Chairman remarked that the cost of cultivation in 'OFT on Weed Management' should be included. Further, it was also suggested to highlight 'Farmers Practice' and modify problem statement in the same OFT.
South Tripura, Tripura	Mr. T.A. Khan, (SMS)	The KVK was advised by the Chairman to submit report in proper format and also to prepare quality slides for presentation.
Karimganj, Assam	Dr. A.C. Sarma, (PC)	The Chairman observed that it would not be appropriate to take up OFTs on submergence tolerant rice varieties under semi deep water situation. He also remarked that the number of trainings conducted was less than the proposed number and the same should be justified.
West Kameng, A.P.	Dr. N.D. Singh, (PC)	The PC was suggested to omit the OFT on Integrated Disease Management in Pea var. Arkel. In addition, he was also advised to increase the number of OFTs and FLDs, justifying the scientific staff strength of the KVK.
West Garo Hills, Meghalaya	Mr. A.S. Singh, (PC)	The KVK was advised to conduct more number of OFTs and FLDs. The house also suggested depicting the trainings conducted

		in thematic area form.
Kohima, Nagaland	Mr. K.M. Peinyu, (SMS)	The presentation was accepted by the House.
West Tripura, Tripura	Dr. S. Chakravorty (SMS)	The house advised her to redefine the OFT problem and title statements. She was also suggested not to include Kuroiler as layerbirds in the FLD on Backyard poultry.
Darrang, Assam	Dr. H.K. Sarma, (PC)	The presentation was accepted by the House.
Lower Dibang Valley, A.P.	Mr. Anong Lego, (PC)	The Chairman observed that the KVK mandates are not fulfilled by the KVK and very few training programmes have been conducted. The PC was advised to conduct adequate number of the activities in line with the existing staff strength.
North Sikkim, Sikkim	Mr. K.K. Pradhan, (PC)	The Co-chairman suggested the PC to modify the problem statement by making it specific in case of OFT on 'Improved Cultivation Technology of Chayote' tubers and repeat the OFT for further evaluation.
South Sikkim, Sikkim	Mrs. S.L. Dorjee, (PC)	The Chairman remarked that the problem statements of OFTs need to be redefined.
Lunglei, Mizoram	Dr. Lalmuanzovi, (PC)	The house suggested the PC not to include treatments in FLD. She was further advised to justify the reason behind not being able to perform soil and water testing activities despite having facilities.
Dibrugarh, Assam	Dr. P. Nath, i/c (PC)	The house accepted the presentation.
Zunheboto	Mr.	The house suggested including the source of

	R.K.Chaurasia, (SMS)	technology for OFT on cucumber.
Imphal East, Manipur	Mr. P.T. Sharma, (SMS)	The PC was advised by the Zonal Coordinator to send the detailed report of the OFT on 4 Row Paddy Drum Seeder, including its assessment/ refinement and photographs to the ZC Unit before 20 th Sept. 08.
<p>Dated: 16th September, 2008 (afternoon)</p> <p>Technical Session-IV</p> <p>Chairman: Dr. B.C. Bhowmick, DEE, AAU</p> <p>Co- Chairman: Dr. R.K. Talukdar, Prof. & Head, Deptt. of Extn., AAU, Jorhat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rapporteurs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. H.K. Kalita, SMS, KVK Dhubri 2. Mr. Jyotish Barman, SMS, KVK Goalpara 		
Kokrajhar, Assam	Dr. Y. Prasad, (PC)	The house asked to specify farmer's practice for OFT Jute and emphasized that the number of trials should be more with seeds of successful varieties should be available for farmers.
West Sikkim, Sikkim	Mr. N.T. Bhutia (PC)	OFT, Mandarin- Problem should be clearly specified. Paddy- caused of low yield to be stated. Variety of soybean should be mentioned and the yield data should be included.
Mokokchung, Nagaland	Mr. S. Jamir, (PC)	French bean: Number of varieties covered should be less and the number of farmers (trials) should be increased. OFT, Potato: Problems is not clearly stated OFT, Chilli: Name of the variety should be mentioned.

		FLD, Pulse: Jhum cultivation to be mentioned.
Karbi Anglong, Assam	Dr. A.K. Deka (PC)	OFT, Tomato: Constituents of technology and farmer's practice should be specified.
Mon, Nagaland	Dr. D.K. Chetri (i/c PC)	FLD, Pea: While computing BC ratio labour and land value should be included.
Bishnupur, Manipur	Mr. Brajamani Singh (PC i/c)	OFT, Rice: Title and problem should be clearly defined and the title should be restoration of soil health. FLD, Oilseed: Variety M-27 is too oil to be demonstrate.
Lakhimpur, Assam	Dr. M. Bhuyan	OFT- Number of trials should be more and soil testing laboratory should start function immediately.
Nagaon, Assam	Dr. K. Deka	Finding was accepted by the house.
Wokha, Nagaland	Mr. N.K. Ezung (i/c PC)	FLD Oilseeds: Replace old varieties with new.
Nalbari, Assam	Mr. G.S. Barua	Number of replication should be more under OFT. Similar should be the case for FLD programme.
Phek, Nagaland	Mr. R.K. Singh	OFT- Tomato: Yield shown is very low. New and promising varieties should be taken for FLD programme in the field.
Nazira, Assam	Mr. P. Saikia	House expresses concern over not conducting any FLD and OFT by this KVK. Immediate steps should be taken to conduct the programme without fail.
Papumpare, A.P.	Mr. P. Borah	The house accepted the findings.
Sonitpur,	Mr. J.K.	OFT (Assam lemon): Data should be

Assam	Choudhury (PC)	corrected.
Tinsukia, Assam	Dr. B.K. Medhi	Blackgram (T-9) is an old variety and new variety should be replacing it. Zonal Coordinator, Zone- III instructed all to use 'Farmer' instead of practicing farmer.
Tuensang, Nagaland	Mr. T. Ao	The house accepted the reports.
Lohit, A.P.	Mrs L. Bora (i/c PC)	The house accepted the reports.
Jorhat, Assam	Dr. J. Goswami (PC)	The house accepted the reports.
Thoubal, Manipur	Mr. O.N. Singh (PC)	Number of trial should be more and the house also suggested to present the report in a systematic and clear power point slides.
East Siang, Manipur	Dr. A.S. Raju	The house accepted the reports.
Mamit, Mizoram	Mr. R.K. Nithanga (PC)	The house accepted the reports.
Annual Action Plan Presentation by KVKs		
West Siang, A.P.	Mr. P. Sarma (PC)	OFT- II Tomato: One technology should be selected at a time. Variety should be specified. Test the best sequence. OFT- II Khasi Mandarin: It should be taken as FLD.
<p>Dated: 17th September, 2008 (forenoon)</p> <p>Technical Session-V</p> <p>Chairman: Dr. A. Mishra and Dr. O.P. Singh</p> <p>Co- Chairman: Dr. R. Sarmah</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rapporteurs:</p>		

		<p>1. Dr. U. Kalita, SMS, KVK Kamrup</p> <p>2. Mr. J.K. Sharma, SMS, KVK Barpeta</p>
Barpeta, Assam	Dr. R. Sharma, (PC)	Chairman suggested redefining problem statement in OFT on Potash management in blackgram. The house suggested replacing rice variety Luit in FLD by other variety. The house also suggested to omit the FLD on Boro rice var. NBR-3 as the variety was not yet formally released. The best/ successful OFTs could be continued for two more years, the house opined.
Imphal West, Manipur	Dr. S.B. Singh, (PC)	The Chairman suggested focusing on intervening factors contributing to low production in banana var. G-9. The PC was advised to specify the disease in OFT on tomato var. S-9A. The house also suggested to include additional performance indicators in OFT on Integrated Pest and Disease Management in rice.
Lower Dibang Valley, A.P.	Mr. G. Dirchi, (SMS)	The house suggested including OFTs in the action plan.
Dimapur, Nagaland	Dr. (Mrs) A. Sharma, (PC)	Chairman indicated to highlight the total number of OFTs & FLDs.
North Sikkim, Sikkim	Mr. K.K. Pradhan (PC)	The house accepted the action plan as proposed.
South Sikkim, Sikkim	Mrs. S.L. Dorjee (PC)	The Chairman suggested the PC to go for soil testing in the OFT on 'Rhizobium treatment & Soil mulching'. In the FLD on pea, the house suggested to include HYV instead of local variety.
West Sikkim, Sikkim,	Mr. N.T. Bhutia,	Chairman suggested to adjust the number of

Sikkim	(PC)	field days with the number of FLDs proposed.
Phek, Nagaland	Dr. R.K. Singh, (PC)	The House accepted the action plan as proposed.
Senapati, Manipur	Dr. R.K. Imotomba Singh, (PC)	The house accepted the action plan as proposed.
Champai, Mizoram	Mr. C. Lalthlamuana (i/c PC)	The Chairman suggested including few more OFTs in different crops.
Mamit, Mizoram	Mr. R.K. Nirthanga, (PC)	The house accepted the action plan as proposed.
Dhalai, Tripura	Mr. S.Das, Jt. Director (Agri.)	The Joint Director (Agri.), Govt. of Tripura, informed the house no action plan has been prepared due to non recruitment of staff.
Lawngtlai, Mizoram	Mr. V. Hnamte, (PC)	The house suggested to correct the name of varieties in case of OFTs on tomato and potato as well as to include more number of OFTs and FLDs.
Aizawl, Mizoram	Dr. K.P. Choudhury, (PC)	The Chairman suggested looking into the package of practices in the OFT on baby corn. The house advised the PC to correct the source of technology in the OFT on HDP with banana var. G-9. He was also suggested to correct performance indicators and indicate source of technology in the OFT on 'Biological Control of Pests in Rice'. The OFT on 'Composite Fish Culture' was suggested to be changed to FLD by the Zonal Coordinator. He suggested recasting all the OFTs after necessary consultation.

Serchipp, Mizoram	Mr. R. Lalramliana, (PC)	The PC was suggested by the house to convert the OFT on 'Rearing of Upgraded Pig' to FLD.
Lunglei, Mizoram	Dr. Lalmuanzovi, (PC)	The house accepted the action plan as proposed.
Zunheboto, Nagaland	Mr. R. Chaurasia, (SMS)	The house advised the KVK to change the Toria variety M-27 in the FLD on oilseeds.
Kolasib, Mizoram	Mr. R.L. Thanzuala, (PC)	The PC was advised to recast the titles of all the OFTs.
Saiha, Mizoram	Mr. Lalminghuana	The house observed that the OFT on 'Rearing of Upgraded Pig' should be changed to FLD.
West Garo Hills, Meghalaya	Mr. A.S. Singh (PC)	The house accepted the action plan as proposed.
East Siang, A.P.	Dr. A.S. Raju (PC)	The house accepted the action plan as proposed.
Imphal East, Manipur	Mr. P.T. Sharma (SMS)	It was suggested not to take up 'Induced Breeding Performance of Carps' as OFT. The house also suggested includes soil analysis as performance indicator in use of Azolla in rice.
Bishnupur, Manipur	Mr. Y. Nabakishore Singh (PC)	The house accepted the action plan as proposed.
West Tripura, Tripura	Ms. S. Chakraborty	The Zonal Coordinator observed that the Programme Coordinator of the KVK did not

	(SMS)	turn up to present the Annual Report Action Plan. He also advised to omit the OFTs on 'Straw Treatment' with 'Urea Molasses' and 'Feeding of Tapioca to Pig'.
Lohit, A.P.	Dr. Leema Bora (i/c PC)	The house accepted the action plan as proposed.
Thoubal, Manipur	Dr. O.N.Singh (PC)	The house accepted the action plan as proposed.

In his remarks, Zonal Coordinator suggested to the Host Institutes to organise pre-zonal OFT/FLD workshop for streamlining them before presenting in the Annual Zonal Workshop. He also suggested that Annual Action Plans be recast after suitable modification before submitting to the ZCU by November/ December 2008. He also informed the house that it is mandatory to conduct at least one SAC meeting by each KVK and prepare district Agricultural Plans and submit the same by **31st December, 2008**. The Zonal Coordinator informed that as per DG's instruction, each KVK must prepare their Vision 2020 document & submit the same by **31st December, 2008**. He advised the KVKs to launch their own web-sites by **31st March, 2009**. He urged upon the KVKs which have completed three years of existence, to apply for the KVK award.

Dated: 17th September, 2008 (afternoon)		
Technical Session-VI		
Chairman:	Dr. B.C. Bhowmick, DEE, AAU, Jorhat	
Co- Chairman:	Dr. Ranjit Sarma, DEE, CAU, Imphal	
	Rapporteurs:	
	1. Mr. Rupjyoti Borah, Prog. Asstt, KVK Golaghat	
	2. Mr. Jyotish Barman, SMS, KVK Goalpara	
Cachar, Assam	Dr. H.K. Majumdar (PC)	The Chairman advised the PC to recast the Action Plan and submit later.

Bongaigaon, Assam	Dr. S.K. Paul (PC)	The Chairman suggested incorporating some OFTs as Animal Science and Fishery.
Churachandpur, Manipur	Mrs. S.K. Raman (PC)	The house suggested to include more criteria/ performance indicators in case of the FLD on how performance of Local Breed'. It was also advised to include more programmes on Animal Science, including training on Piggery and Dairying.
Tirap, A.P.	Dr. N. Kumar (PC)	The house accepted the Action Plan as proposed.
Kohima,. Nagaland	Mr. K.M. Pienyu (SMS)	The KVK was advised by the Chairman to include more parameters for the OFT on Vanaraja bird propagation. In addition, it was also suggested to include more programmes on animal component.
Goalpara, Assam	Dr. H. Choudhury (PC)	The PC was advised to include 'Smokeless Chullah' for training and demonstration purpose.
Ri Bhoi, Meghalaya	Dr. R.M. Bordoloi	The house accepted the Action Plan as proposed.
Darrang, Assam	Dr. H.K. Sarma (PC)	The PC was advised to recast the problem diagnosis portion before submitting the Action Plan. He was also suggested to increase the performance indicators in the proposed FLDs.
Mokokchung, Nagaland	Dr. S.S. Jamir (PC)	The house advised to specify the date of sowing in the trial on date of sowing of greengram and blackgram and recast the OFT. The PC was also suggested to include training programmes on ornamental plants, tuber crops and pulses.

East Sikkim, Sikkim	Dr. A.K. Mohanty (PC)	The house accepted the Action Plan as proposed.
Dhemaji, Assam	Dr. T. Mahanta (PC)	The house advised to drop Toria variety TS-38 from the OFT on Toria under late sown condition and adopt Toria variety TS-46.
Karbi Anglong, Assam	Dr. A. Deka (PC)	It was suggested by the house to include the FLD on improved jhum model under RKVY and also explore other avenues to conduct the FLD. He also appealed to all the KVKs to take advantage of the funds available under RKVY. The Chairman advised the PC to take up soil sample analysis in the areas where FLDs and OFTs are proposed to be taken up.
Chandel, Manipur	Mr. G.P. Kabui (PC)	The PC was advised to recast the entire action plan and submit the same to the ZCU within fifteen days.
Mon, Nagaland	Mr. D.K. Chetri (PC)	The house advised the PC to take up only one variety of Foxtail Millet for OFT purpose. The Zonal Coordinator suggested recasting the problem diagnosis statements in all the OFTs. In case of OFT on tomato also, it was suggested to take up one variety only. It was advised to drop the OFT on Naga King Chilli and do same assessment in the KVK farm. The house also advised to drop the FLD on modification of existing cultivation practices of rice bean.
Tuensang, Nagaland	Mr. T. Ao (PC)	The house advised the PC to increase the number of trainings, OFTs and FLDs, keeping in view the full scientific staff

		available with the KVK.
Dhubri, Assam	Dr. S. Saikia (PC)	The Action Plan was accepted by the house.
Wokha, Nagaland	Mr. N.K. Ezung (i/c PC)	The house suggested taking up OFT on effect of sesamum on thatch grass in their own farm and then considering for OFT. He also advised to take FLD instead of OFT in case of Zero Energy Cool Chambers. The package of King chilli is to be established first before going for trial. The title of the trials on brinjal, shasarang and rice to be recasted. He was also advised to take up only one variety for OFTs and to increase the number of parameters in the FLDs.
Dubrugarh, Assam	Dr. P. Nath (i/c PC)	The Action Plan was accepted by the House.
Golaghat, Assam	Dr. H.C. Baruah (PC)	The Chairman suggested the KVK to change the title of OFT on Boro rice cultivation. The PC was also advised to change the title on submergence tolerant rice variety.
Jorhat, Assam	Dr. J. Goswami (PC)	The house was informed by the PC that the whole Action Plan would be recasted and submit it accordingly.
Kamrup, Assam	Dr. D.Kalita	The house advised to increase the area of OFTs to at least 10mX10m and also to drop the OFT on strategic management and control of mastitis in dairy cows and include it in FLD instead. The PC was also advised to take up soil and water testing.
South Tripura	Dr. T.A. Khan (PC)	The house advised to recast the title on leaf folder.

Karimganj, Assam	Dr. A.C. Sarmah (PC)	The house advised to include OFTs of all disciplines.
West Kameng	Dr. N.D. Singh (PC)	The PC was advised to include the source of technology. He was advised to recast all OFTs and FLDs.
Kokrajhar, Assam, Assam	Dr. Y. Prasad (PC)	The house advised to increase the number of trainings keeping in view the appointment of full staff.
Lakhimpur, Assam	Dr. M. K. Bhuyan (SMS)	The house accepted the Action Plan
Nalbari, Assam	Dr. G.K. S. Barua	The house suggested to increase the number of trainings keeping in view the full strength of scientific staff.
Sibsagar, Assam	Dr. P. Saikia (PC)	The PC was advised to increase the number of farmers in OFTs. He was also suggested to propose not less than 8-10 OFTs and FLDs
Sonitpur, Assam	Dr. J. Choudhura (PC)	The Chairman advised to go for not less than 50 soil sample analysis excluding those to be done for OFTs and FLDs.
Tinsukia, Assam	Dr. B.N. Medhi (SMS)	The KVK is advised to take up more number of technologies for OFTs and FLD and also to increase the number of trainings keeping in view the recruitment of KVK manpower.
Papumpare	Dr. P. Baruah (SMS)	The Chairman congratulated the KVK for taking up OFT on Mithun. He also advised to increase the folder seedling production.

Valedictory Session

Date: 17th September, 2008

Rapporteurs:

1. Mr. R. Borah, Prog. Asstt, KVK Golaghat
2. Mr. J. Barman, SMS, KVK Goalpara

The valedictory session started with the felicitation of all the dignitaries. The inaugural address was delivered by Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Zonal Coordinator, Zone- III, ICAR. He expressed his gratitude to DDG (A.E.), ICAR for taking part in the programme and for giving a mindset to the participants regarding the concepts and clarity on mandates of KVKs. He appealed to all KVKs to gear up their activities. Stressing on clarity of concept of farming situation, he called upon all to identify actual farming situations for the resource-poor farmers and identify and develop value added products. He emphasized on processing of data in a holistic manner by applying proper knowledge for the benefit of the farmers. He stressed upon need of public-private partnership and building up effective linkages with other institutes. Emphasising on entrepreneurship, he hoped that KVKs would open up entrepreneurship avenues for SHGs. He also requested all to concentrate on farmers' empowerment. He thanked all the participants and expressed his gratitude to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh for their nice hospitality and excellent arrangement and organisation of the Workshop.

Dr. B.C. Bhowmick, DEE, AAU in his speech emphasized on preciseness in activities and hoped that the 3 day long workshop would clarify the concepts and enrich knowledge base of scientists in KVK system.

In his speech, Shri T. Taloh, Commissioner, Agriculture, Government of Arunachal Pradesh remarked that it is the pious duty of Scientists to ensure food security. He appealed all to show proper justice and discharge to their duty. He added that market is not a problem in this Zone and our duty is to produce more. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. T. Aboh, Hon'ble Parliamentary Secretary

(Agriculture), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh welcomed and requested all concerned to concentrate their efforts on operational area. He also requested all to give proper focus on jhum cultivation. Entire NE Region is blessed with fertile soil, favourable climate and great potentiality to grow different crops-he mentioned. So it is the need of the hour to concentrate our energy to put this region in a bright place in national economic map. He hoped that the workshop would send a positive and effective message to all concerned particularly farming community.

The function was concluded with vote of thanks from Dr. A.K.Singha, Sr. Scientist, ZC Unit, Zone-III, ICAR.
