

## **DG, ICAR inaugurates the Annual Zonal Workshop of KVKs of Northeast India**

A 3-day Annual Zonal Workshop of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) under Zone-VI and VII was organized by ICAR-ATARI, Umiam along with ICAR-ATARI Guwahati during **8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> June, 2018** at the College of Fisheries, Central Agricultural University, Lembucherra, Agartala. The main aim of the workshop was to critically review the performance and progress of activities of the KVKs in North-Eastern Region during the year 2017-18. Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Hon'ble Secretary (DARE) & DG, ICAR was the Chief Guest in the inauguration session of the workshop. Prof. M. Premjit Singh, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Central Agricultural University, Imphal and Dr. U. Venkateswarlu, Principal Secretary (Agri.), Government of Tripura were the Guests of Honour at the occasion. Dr. A. K. Singh, DDG (Agril. Extension), ICAR chaired the inaugural programme while Dr. Bidyut C. Deka, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone-VII, Umiam presented the welcome address. Dr. A.K. Tripathi, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone-VII, Guwahati offered vote of thanks. 87 KVKs from 8 North Eastern states participated in the programme and presented the progress of various activities undertaken by the KVKs during 2017-18 during three days of the workshop. 5 publications from ICAR-ATARI, Umiam and Guwahati were also released during the workshop.

The programme began with the lighting of inaugural lamp by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries followed by felicitation programme.



**Felicitation of Hon'ble Secretary (DARE) & DG, ICAR by  
Dr. Bidyut C. Deka, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Umiam**

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Hon'ble Secretary (DARE) & DG, ICAR in his inaugural address complimented the KVK staff for their good work and highlighted the achievements of various ICAR schemes and programmes being implemented by the KVKs. He suggested that every KVKs should have at least 1 model of Integrated Farming System in the KVK farm depending on the availability of resources. He assured that ICAR will extend its full support to the state departments in the region by organizing interface meetings and involving the officers of the state department in order to double the farmers' income by 2022. He further stressed for taking up programmes on value chain management in cluster approach involving all the line departments of the State governments and suggested for a detail plan of action for next four years.

Dr. A K Singh, DDG (AE) while delivering his address as chairman appreciated the KVKs of the region for being able to deliver in whatever responsibilities being assigned to them successfully. He suggested for development of feasible and profitable farming models in the villages. He called upon the KVKs to make a database in order to find out the problems and solutions of the farmers. He also urged upon KVKs to give more emphasis on nutrition, implementation of economic models, processing and value addition of various products through strong partnership with the farmers in order to make the KVK more meaningful and impactful.

Dr. U. Venkateswarlu, Principal Secretary (Agri.), Govt. of Tripura stressed upon the importance of strong linkage between ICAR and state agriculture department including farmers for collaborative programmes and activities in identified thrust areas of agriculture and allied enterprises in order to achieve the milestone of doubling the farmers income by 2022.

Prof. M. Premjit Singh, Vice-Chancellor, CAU, Imphal in his address applauded the KVKs for their contribution towards development of the agriculture and allied sectors in the region through the transfer of latest technologies at the farmer's field. He further suggested the KVKs to come up with more viable and profitable high value crops and enterprises with the main focus on organic farming in the region.

Earlier, Dr. Bidyut C. Deka, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone-VII, Umiam while welcoming the dignitary highlighted the major achievements of the KVKs of the North-Eastern Region and their challenging role towards development of farming communities in the region including implementation of various flagship programmes of ICAR besides fulfilling their mandated activities.



**Release of ATARI publications**

The programme ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. A.K. Tripathi, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone-VI, Guwahati.



**Speech by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Hon'ble Secretary (DARE) & DG, ICAR**



**KVK Participants at the Annual Zonal Workshop**

(Source: ICAR-ATARI, Zone-VII, Umiam)