

Shri Kailash Choudhary Hon'ble MoS (A&FW) visited ICAR-ATARI Umiam on 24th November 2019

Shri Kailash Choudhary, Hon'ble MoS (MA&FW), visited the ICAR-ATARI Umiam on 24th of November 2019 during his two-day visit to the Northeastern region of India. Minister was accompanied by Dr. V. P. Chahal (ADG Agri. Extension), Dr. S. Bhaskar (ADG NRM), Dr. Amol Shinde (Addl. P.S. to MoS), and

Hon'ble MoS (MA&FW), Shri Kailash Choudhary in his address appreciated the activities of ICAR-ATARI Umiam and urged officers to intensify efforts for doubling farmers' income by 2022. He stressed on uniting farmers for selling farm produce at higher prices by forming FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations) in all states of Northeastern India. Hon'ble MoS encouraged farmers to adopt organic practices and Zero budget farming to make Northeastern India as a world-renowned hub of authentic organic products in coming years. To achieve these goals Hon'ble MoS emphasised that KVKs of this region have a pivotal role to play to foster food security as well as to promote sustainability. He also promised that he would regularly visit the Northeastern states of India to interact more with farmers and address their issues on priority.

At the outset, Dr. Bidyut C. Deka, Director, ICAR-ATARI Umiam welcomed dignitaries and presented a brief overview of achievements of institute regarding the welfare of tribal and poor farmers in the region. He also facilitated the interaction of farmers with Hon'ble MoS.

This program was attended by the staff of ICAR-ATARI, staff of KVKs of Meghalaya, progressive farmers in Meghalaya and other stakeholders.

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