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FIELD DAY CUM FARMER-SCIENTIST INTERACTION ORGANIZED BY ICAR RESEARCH COMPLEX FOR NEH REGION, NAGALAND CENTRE

Jharnapani, Medziphema: Dr. Benjongliba Aier, Parliamentary Secretary, Agriculture, Government of Nagaland inaugurated the Field Day Cum Farmer-Scientist Interaction on 27th October 2016 in the presence of Smt. Rongseninla, Director, Department of Agriculture, Government of Nagaland, Shri. Kevisa Kense, Director, Department of Fisheries, Government of Nagaland, Dr. Lallan Ram, Director, Central Institute of Horticulture, Nagaland, Professor RC Gupta, Dean, NU-SASRD, Nagaland, Dr. Abhijit Mitra, Director, NRC on Mithun, Nagaland, other dignitaries and farmers.

Dr. DJ Rajkhowa, Joint Director, ICAR RC for NEH region, welcome the dignitaries and mentioned the importance of the agriculture for the state of Nagaland while highlighting the role and contribution of ICAR RC for NEH Region, Nagaland Centre for the development of agriculture and allied sectors in Nagaland. During the inauguration of the "Field Day Cum Farmer-Scientist Interaction", Dr. Benjongliba Aier, Parliamentary Secretary, Agriculture, Government of Nagaland mentioned that this Farmer-Scientist Interaction programme has highlighted the partnership between farmers, the state govt., Agriculture Colleges and ICAR which is highly crucial and planned and need-based interaction of all the concern partners in agriculture will ensure that the benefits percolate to the farmers. While mentioning the importance of the event, "We must now start building partnership based on mutual respect and inculcate patience, effort and interest in building a strong base for agricultural development so that we are self sufficient and our economy is uplifted through sustainable agriculture" Dr. Benjongliba, said.

Professor RC Gupta expressed that it is a time to work toward evergreen revolution which should encompass all aspect of agriculture and allied sectors. Smt. Rongseninla, mentioned that the departments are working for the improvement of farmers while highlighting the challenges for farmers in the changing climate scenario. She also stressed that convergence of different departments at the event should continue in every aspect with the farmers of the state. Dr. Kevisa Kense mentioned that funds for fisheries developments are diverted towards other purposes by the farmers and expressed that farmers should implement different technologies available to enhance the production of fish and profit.

Dr Lallan Ram, stressed on the importance of technical knowledge to enhance the profit in agriculture practices and urge rural youth to come forward to enhance their knowledge through training. Dr Abhijit Mitra, mentioned the importance of Mithun in Nagaland and expressed the potential of Mithun rearing while highlighting the need of implementing different available technologies.

The event was attended by more than 150 farmers across the state and various critical farm inputs including saplings, agricultural farm implements, soil health card, seeds and poultry chicks were distributed to the farmers of the state of Nagaland during the occasion. The inaugural session was followed by the Farmer-Scientist Interaction where several problems of farmers were addressed by experts from different fields of agriculture and allied sectors.

During the event, Dr. Benjongliba Aier also inaugurated an exhibition where several organizations showcased their technologies and products to the farmers and other was also inaugurated.



