

IARI Assam Takes Over RRLRRS, Gerua of CRRI Cuttack

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On 31st August 2025, the ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Assam, formally taking over the Regional Rainfed Lowland Rice Research Station (RRLRRS), Gerua, Kamrup, from ICAR-Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI), Cuttack. The ceremony was graced by Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director and Vice Chancellor, ICAR-IARI. At the event, Dr. Kanchan Saikia, in charge Head, RRLRRS, Gerua, ceremoniously handed over the station to Dr. L.K. Baishya, in charge, ICAR-IARI, Assam, symbolizing the transfer of responsibilities and the dawn of new opportunities for the region's farmers.

Dr. Ch.Srinivasa Rao emphasized the vast scope for agricultural innovation in the Northeast, underlining that the takeover would fast-track research in rice, horticultural crops, and integrated farming systems tailored to local needs. To mark the occasion, IARI-Assam organized an Interaction and Awareness-cum-Training Programme on “Recent Advances in Rice-based Integrated Farming System,” which saw enthusiastic participation from about 100 farmers across Nalbari, Baksa, and Kamrup districts. Eminent experts highlighted the transformative role of scientific paddy cultivation, crop diversification, and sustainable resource management in enhancing livelihoods of small and marginal farmers.

The programme, coordinated by Dr. Hamen Bhattacharyya, Dr. Rajesh Kumar, and Dr. Dharendra Nath Kalita, strengthened the bridge between cutting-edge research and grassroots farming. The joint occasion reflected IARI-Assam's unwavering commitment to farmer empowerment, sustainable agriculture, and food security for the Northeast.



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