

ICAR-IARI Assam Organized Input Injection Programme

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An awareness and input injection program for "Livelihood Improvement of Small and Marginal Farmers in North East Region" was organized by ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Assam, in collaboration with ICAR-Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan (VPKAS), Almora, Uttarakhand (NEH Component) on 10th March, 2025, at Dhakuakhana District library, North Lakhimpur, Assam under the guidance and leadership of Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, IARI.

The program was graced by Shri Ghanshyam Dutta (SDO, Lakhimpur), Shri Bhobojit Doley (District Agriculture Officer, Lakhimpur), Dr. Lohit Kumar Baishya (Scientist In-Charge and Head, NRM, IARI-Assam), Hod's, scientists and staff of IARI Assam. The Chief Guest, Shri Ghanshyam Dutta, elucidated the state's role in enhancing the livelihood of farmers in Assam and outlined various agricultural schemes. The guest of honor, Shri Bhobojit Doley, discussed the importance of integrated farming systems and natural farming practices. Dr. Lohit Kumar Baishya emphasized the significance of IARI Assam in strengthening the agrarian scenarios of north east region. He also highlighted the major gaps in scientific farming in this region and the steps needed for boosting the livelihood of farmers. Dr. Nirmal Kumar Hedau, Head (Crop Improvement), ICAR-VPKAS, Almora also addressed the gathering via online platform and delivered an informative presentation on the technologies developed by the institute, including crop varieties, plant protection technologies, and agricultural tools and implements, which have potential applications for the northeast hill region.

A total of 600 farmers benefited from this farmer-scientist interaction program which was followed by the distribution of agricultural inputs including: fish fingerling, vermicompost, organic manure, insecticides, fungicides, spade, prong, urea and zinc sulfate. During this event, various informational leaflets pertaining to scientific farming practices were also disseminated. Several representatives among the farmers also shared their experience and knowledge motivating their peers and youth to consider taking up agriculture as a profitable venture.



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