

Consultation program on Contingency planning in North East Region



A One day consultation program on Contingency planning in North East Region was organized on 2nd September, 2013 at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam. The event was attended Dr. A.K. Sikka, DDG (NRM), ICAR, Dr. J.S. Sandhu, Agriculture Commissioner, Govt. of India, Dr. B. Venkateshwarlu, Director, CRIDA, Hyderabad, Dr. R.J. Ravindra, Dean CPGS, Central Agricultural University. Scientists from CRIDA, Director of Research (Agri) and Director of Extension Education, AAU, Jorhat, State Govt. officials of Agriculture, Horticulture department of the region, Joint Directors of the regional centers of ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Scientists from ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region and KVK personals across the region.

Dr. S.V. Ngachan, Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region while welcoming the participants, briefed about the present agricultural scenario of the region including the recent climatic variabilities and their effect on crop production. Dr. B. Venkateswarlu, Director, CRIDA briefed about the background for contingency plan for suggesting appropriate measures to be taken in drought affected vis-a-vis rainfall deficit areas. Dr. J. S. Sandhu, Agriculture Commissioner pointed out the timely action and contingency planning is needful to mitigate the drought. He also stated the timely availability of the resources would be a part of this plan. Dr. A. K. Sikka, DDG (NRM) emphasized the need for developing contingency plan in the event of climatic variabilities. He also suggested to evaluate different contingency measures for its effectiveness.

During the discussion, representatives from Govt. officials, Joint Directors of the regional centers of ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region and Programme Coordinators of the KVKs across the region presented the status of drought and drought like situation in the respective districts/ states and contingency measures to be taken in the affected areas. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks given by Dr. D.J. Rajkhowa, Principal Scientist and PI, NICRA, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region. A post meeting visit to West Garo Hills, Meghalaya and Manipur was also organized with the scientists from CRIDA and ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region.