

**REPORT ON ONE DAY AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON PROTECTION OF PLANT VARIETIES AND FARMERS' RIGHTS ACT, 2001**

One day awareness programme on “**Protection of Local Varieties under Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001**” was held at the conference hall of ICAR Manipur centre on 26.02.2014. The programme was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Imphal West under the sponsorship of **Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Rights Authority, Govt. of India, New Delhi**. Altogether 70 (seventy) trainees deputed from different KVKs, state Agriculture Department, Horticulture & Soil Conservation and different farmers' clubs and organisations participated in the awareness programme. Smt. Sanyola K. Raman, Programme Coordinator, KVK Imphal West delivered welcome and keynote address.

Inaugurating as Chief Guest, Dr. N. Prakash, Joint Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Manipur Centre stated that the awareness programme was the fourth one held in Manipur for better understanding of protection of local plant varieties. He also talked elaborately on “**Overview of Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act**”. Vote of thanks was pronounced by Shri Kh. Hera Singh, Subject Matter Specialist (Agril. Engineering)

In the technical session, Dr. I. Meghachandra Singh, Principal Scientist (Seed Technology) delivered a lecture on “**Potential local crop varieties of Manipur for registration under PPV & FRA, 2001**” and Dr. S.S. Roy, Scientist (Horticulture) delivered another lecture on “**Registration of Varieties under PPV & FRA**”. Shri N. Arunkumar Singh, Subject Matter Specialist (Agril. Extension) delivered topic on “**Activity on registration of plant variety**” and Shri S. Gunamani Singh, Subject Matter Specialist (Plant Breeding) lectured on “**Introduction and objectives of the PPV & FRA Act, 2001**”, were the resource persons on Activity on registration of plant varieties. Posters were also presented on the said theme for bringing better awareness.

Programme concluded after an elaborate discussion session in which all the talkers and participants participated.



**INAUGURAL SESSION**



**CHIEF GUEST DELIVERING THE INAUGURAL SPEECH**



**PRESENTATION BY DR. N. PARAKASH, J.D.**



**DR. I.M.SINGH, PRINCIPAL SCIENTIST, SEED TECH**



**INVITEES & TRAINEES IN THE INAUGURAL SESSION**



**PARTICIPANTS OBSERVING THE POSTERS.**