

ICAR organized Awareness cum Training cum Exhibition programme on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Right Act-2001

ICAR, KVK, West Garo Hills organized one day awareness- cum-training Programme on Protection of Plants Varieties and Farmer's Right was on 12th March, 2014 at KVK campus under the sponsorship of PPV & FR Authority, Govt. of India, New Delhi. 113 nos. of farmers and from 20 villages of West Garo Hills participated in the programme.

Dr. T. Samajdar, Programme Coordinator, KVK, ICAR, West Garo Hills inaugurated the programme. He welcomed the participants and briefed them about the protection of plant variety and farmers' rights.

Mr. A.S. Singh, SMS (Horticulture) highlighted the fact that farmers had great opportunity for preservation of indigenous varieties of different crops and get the ownership.

Dr. M Islam, SMS (Agronomy) emphasized on the importance of farmers' rights Act, 2001 and the role of farmers in preserving and conserving important germplasm. He told that West Garo Hills of Meghalaya is a biodiversity hotspot and has ample scope for protection of plant varieties to prevent bio-piracy in today's era.

Mr. Tarun Kr. Das, SMS (Agril.Extension) coordinated the programme. He elaborately explained the procedure of registration, DUS testing, importance and benefits of protection of plant variety and farmers' rights in local language.

An exhibition was also organized where various local germplasms of rice, Pearl Millet, Pigeon pea, Maize, Indian mustard, Sesame, Sugarcane, Blackpapper, Turmeric, Ginger, Tomato, Brinjal, Okra, Cabbage, Potato, Onion and Garlic etc was exhibited.

The programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr. S Borah, Programme Assistant, KVK, ICAR, West Garo Hills.

