## A 10-day short course on "integrated farming system approaches for sustainable hill agriculture under changing climatic scenario"



Inauguration of the programme; In the dias (from left), Mr. Namojit Chakma, Addl. Director (Agriculture); Dr. D. Das, Director (ARDD), Dr. M. Datta, Joint Director (ICAR), Dr. B. Halder, Hon'ble Pro-VC (ICFAI). Dr. B. Das, Pr. Scientist (ICAR)



Participants of the short-course

ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Tripura Centre is organizing a ten days short course on integrated farming system approaches for sustainable hill agriculture under changing climatic scenario for the researchers and extension functionaries working in ICAR Institutes/ CAUs/ KVKs/ SAUs and line departments with an aim of acquainting them for formulating adaptation and mitigation strategies for sustaining the production of crops and animals under climate change. The course is sponsored by the National Innovation on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA). The programme is initiated with inaugural function on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2015 at ICAR, Lembucherra. Dr. Biplab Halder, Hon'ble Pro-VC (ICFAI) was present as Chief Guest whereas, Dr. D. Das, Director (ARDD) and Mr. Namojit Chakma, Addl. Director (Agriculture) remained

as Guest of Honors. There were 26 participants in the level of Scientist, Asst. Prof., Subject Matter Specialist, Agriculture Officer, Veterinary Officer, Fishery Officer and Research Associates from various corners of North East. The welcome address was given by Dr. M. Datta, Joint Director (ICAR). Dr. Gulab Singh Yadav, Scientist (Agronomy) briefed the short course. Dr. B. Das, Pr. Scientist (Horticulture) of the Centre spoke on climate change impacts on fruit crops and its management. Mr. Chakma and Dr. Das narrated the issues of climate change in hill agriculture and animal farming and its possible management through integration. They appreciated the initiatives of the ICAR to build up the capacity of the personnel functioning directly with the farmers. Dr. Halder also stressed the need of integrated farming for securing the livelihood of rural farmers. The participation is overwhelming. The programme was coordinated by Dr. C. Debnath, Scientist (Fisheries) and Dr. Vinay Singh, Scientist (Poultry Science). The programme was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. H. Lembisana Devi, Scientist (Horticulture). All in all, it was a great success; in subsequent days of training it will surely help our participants to formulate adaptation and mitigation strategies for managing emerging environmental problems in agriculture and allied farming due to climate change.