

**KRISHI KALYAN ABHIYAN –II (AGRICULTURE WELFARE CAMPAIGN) AT ICAR- KVK RI BHOI,
UMIAM**

20TH December 2018

A three days on campus farmers training programme was inaugurated on 20th December 2018 by the Chief Guest Shri. Mayralborn Syiem, the Hon'ble MLA, Nongpoh (ST) Constituency Meghalaya. The programme was jointly organized by KVK-Ri Bhoi and ATMA, Ri Bhoi, Nongpoh with the theme of "Doubling Farmers Income" from 20-22 December 2018 under Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan Phase-II (Agriculture Welfare Campaign) at ICAR- KVK Ri Bhoi. The Chief Guest expressed his appreciation for the work that KVK Ri Bhoi had undertaken for the farming community of the district and encouraged the staff to continue in their endeavours; he further encouraged the farmers to take advantage of the presence of the KVK to enhance their skill, knowledge and income to uplift their livelihood.

The programme was attended by 110 farmers from 13 villages out of 47 villages in the Aspiration district Ri-Bhoi selected by NITI Ayog & ICAR , New Delhi under Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan along with Scientists, Staff of ICAR, Umiam, District Agriculture & Horticulture officer and ATMA officials.

The Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Dr. Narendra Prakash congratulated the KVK on the successful completion of Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan Phase-I with 3rd Rank which enabled the KVK to be a part of Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan Phase-II. He also urged the KVK as well as the farmers to work in tandem for upliftment of the farming community of the district.

The District Agriculture Officer, Ri Bhoi, Shri. W. H. Pakyntein encouraged the farmers to visit the office and acquire farm tools and implements at a subsidized rate. The District Horticulture Officer, Ri Bhoi, Shri. G. Shylla emphasized the need for crop insurance due to unforeseen weather aberrations; he urged them to take the benefit of schemes such as Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana for crop insurance.

At the outset, the Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Ri Bhoi, Dr. M. Mokidul Islam welcome all the dignitaries and participants of the programme. He further highlighted the various achievements of the KVK under Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan (Phase I and II) including distribution of Soil Health Cards, mini-kits on pulses and oilseeds, training programmes on beekeeping, kitchen gardening, mushroom production, micro irrigation, etc. He also expressed his gratitude for the involvement of the various agriculture and allied departments in implementation of Krishi Kalyan Abhiyan for the benefit of the farmers.

Inputs such as seeds like moong, mustard, bottle gourd, onion, spinach, radish, bhindi, ridge gourd and waste decomposer were also distributed to the farmer. The programme was concluded with the vote of thanks by Shri. Bankitkumar Mukhim; SMS (Fishery) KVK-Ri-Bhoi.



Welcome Address and highlights of the programme by Senior Scientist and Head KVK-Ri-Bhoi



Speech by the Chief Guest of the programme Shri. Mayralborn Syiem; Hon' ble MLA Nongpoh (ST) constituency



Address by Director ICAR, RC for NEH Region, Umiami



Address by DHO-Ri-Bhoi



Address by DAO-Ri-Bhoi



Inputs distribution by the Chief Guest



Address by DPD ATMA, Nongpoh



Training Programmes



Participants of the programme