

Valedictory Function of National Training on “Natural Resource Management for Enhancing Climate Resilience in Mountain Ecosystems” under NICRA

The valedictory function of NICRA sponsored 10 day National Training on “Natural Resource Management for Enhancing Climate Resilience in Mountain Ecosystems” was held in the afternoon of 19th February 2014 at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Sikkim Centre, Tadong, Gangtok. This programme was organized with the aim to build the capacity of the young learners from different institutions on climate change and its impact on agricultural productivity keeping eye upon the significant role in natural resources in agricultural production, their sustainable use without over-exploitation as one of the viable production factors to maintain the nature's harmony.

Dr. K. K. Sathpathy (Ex. Director NIRJAFT, Kolkata & Prof. CAEPHT, Ranipool) was the Chief Guest and Dr. R. K. Avasthe, Joint Director; ICAR Sikkim Centre presided over the function. A total of 24 scientists/Assistant Professors/Researchers representing various disciplines of agricultural science from different states participated in this training programme. The participants expressed their views on the course and found it very informative. Dr. Sathpathy signified the importance of climate change and their impact on agriculture. He also highlighted the initiatives taken by ICAR for mitigating sustainable production. He addressed the scientists/researchers and emphasized that it is the right time to think for developing the climate management strategies for hilly ecosystems.



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Dr. R. K. Avasthe, Joint Director, ICAR, Sikkim Centre and Course Director of this training programme in his valedictory remarks highlighted the significance of this training programme in the crucial time of climate change. He highlighted that in mountain ecosystems, climate change will extend the length of the potential growing season, allowing earlier planting of crops in the spring, earlier maturation and harvesting. Dr. Sathpathy presented certificates to the participants

and complimented ICAR Sikkim Centre for organizing such training course for the benefit of researchers, teachers and extension officers. Earlier, Dr. Raghavendra Singh, Senior Scientist (Agronomy) felicitated the chief guest, Joint Director and participants. Dr. Subhash Babu, Scientist (Agronomy) proposed vote of thanks.