

## Awareness Programme on Climate Smart Pig and Poultry Production System

An awareness cum distribution programme on Climate Smart Pig and Poultry production was organized by Division of Livestock Production, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya at Nongthymmai village, Ri-bhoi district, Meghalay on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2014. The aim of the programme was to prepare and build the capacity of farmers on



climate change and its impact on livestock, poultry and allied agricultural production under Integrated Farming System. A total of 200 numbers of farmers participated in the training programme. 500 nos. of improved varieties of chicks (Vanaraja and Gramapriya) / fertile eggs (chicken and turkey) and 15 nos. of upgraded piglets were distributed to farmers along with quality feed and medicines. Apart from training an interactive session was also conducted regarding impact of climate change on livestock and poultry rearing and also other agricultural production. The experts from ICAR, Umiam visited the farmer's field and demonstration units and suggested the mitigating measures to solve the problems of the farmer's in agriculture and livestock sector under changing climatic scenario of North East India.



At the very beginning, Dr. Sunil Doley, Senior Scientist (Poultry Science), ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya welcomed the dignitaries and participants.

Dr. D. J. Rajkhowa, Principal Scientist (NRM) & PI (NICRA Project), ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya signified the importance of climate change and its impact on agriculture and livestock sector and its mitigation strategies during his presidential address. He urged scientists to develop climate management strategies for increasing productivity in agriculture and livestock sector.

Dr. Suresh Kumar, Principal Scientist (Livestock Production Division) ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya highlighted the significance of this training programme in the era of climate change. He also appreciated the efforts and initiatives taken by the village authorities and the feedback from the participants and congratulated the Course Coordinators for their sincere efforts.

The village head man expressed gratitude to Dr. S. V. Ngachan, Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya for selecting his village as “**Climate Smart Village**” under “**Farmers First Initiative**” and providing logical, technological supports and inputs under “NICRA”.

Dr. Sunil Doley, Senior Scientist (Poultry Science) ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya proposed vote of thanks.

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