

## **ICAR, Umiam Hosting 7<sup>th</sup> National Extension Education Congress on 8- 11 Nov 2014**

The 7<sup>th</sup> National Extension Education Congress-2014 (NEEC-2014) on “Translational Research-Extension for Sustainable Small Farm Development” is being jointly organized by ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya and Society of Extension Education, Agra in collaboration with CAU, Imphal, Manipur; ZPD, Zone- III, Umiam, Meghalaya and AAU, Jorhat, Assam at ICAR Research Complex, Umiam, Meghalaya from November 8-11, 2014. The proposed NEEC-2014 aims at bringing together a wide array of agricultural stake holders comprising of scientists, scholars, teachers, extension professionals, administrators, policy makers, field extension functionaries, innovative farmers, agri-preneurs corporate from different parts of the country on a common platform to interact and share their experiences on different themes of the Congress to formulate a strategy for effective translation of research in to extension.

Looking into the significance of small farm holders and their farming complexities and priorities, the United Nation has declared the year 2014 as International Year of Family Farming which aims to raise the profile of smallholder farming by focusing attention on its significant role in eradicating hunger and poverty, providing food security and nutrition, improving livelihoods, managing natural resources, protecting the environment, and achieving sustainable development particularly in rural areas. Major areas on which extensive deliberations, in the Congress, will be made are: (a) Small farm complexities and priorities for sustainable economic development, (b) Technology dissemination approaches for small farm production system environment, (c) Farmer to farmer knowledge sharing and community initiatives, (d) Research and development models for hill and tribal farmers and (e) Integration of public-private support systems for profitable and sustainable small farm enterprises.

More than 300 delegates from different ICAR Research institutes, Central and State Agricultural Universities and KVKs are expected to participate in the national Congress. National Organizing Secretary cum the Director of ICAR, Umiam Dr. SV Ngachan invites the scholars, scientists, students, agri-preneurs, innovative farmers and field functionaries, administrators and policy makers to share their experiences on this 4 days national event.