

## The Training Programme on “Integrated Pest Management on major crops of NEH Region”



A three-day training program on **integrated pest management on major crops of NE Region** has been organized by the National Centre on Integrated Pest Management (NCIPM), New Delhi in collaboration with the ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region at ICAR Complex, Umiam during 13<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2013. The Inaugural function on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013 was attended by Dr. S. V. Ngachan, Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Dr. C Chattopadhyay, Director, NCIPM, Dr. A K Gogoi, Zonal Project Director (ZPD), Zone III, Scientists from ICAR Complex and NCIPM, Subject Matter Specialists (SMSs) and progressive farmers of different *KVKs* located in Assam, Tripura, Mizoram, Sikkim and Meghalaya. This training programme is the second phase of training by NCIPM in collaboration with ICAR Research Complex where more than 45 people participated. The first phase training programme was organized at ICAR Research Complex, Nagaland Centre, Jharnapani, where more than 40 SMSs of *KVKs* and progressive farmers participated from Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland during 9-11 September 2013.

Dr. N S Azad Thakur , Head, Crop Improvement, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region while welcoming the participants, briefed about the present pesticide use scenario of the region including the recent climatic variabilities and their effect on pest population dynamics. Dr. C Chattopadhyay, Director, NCIPM briefed about the background of this training programme and suggested appropriate measures for sustainable crop protection through IPM strategies. Dr. A K Gogoi, Zonal Project Director (ZPD), Zone III pointed out the timely action and contingency planning for pest management including cultural practices and weed management. Dr. S. V. Ngachan, Director, ICAR Complex highlighted the pest scenario in important field crops in North-Eastern Hill Region and the importance of traditional pest management. He also asserted use of safe pesticides for maintaining the healthy ecology of the region.

The programme concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Mukesh Sehgal, Principal Scientist from NCIPM, New Delhi. In the three-day training programme, resource persons have been pooled from reputed institutes like NCIPM, New Delhi, MSSRF, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, NBAII Bengaluru, etc. who will be delivering lectures on various aspects of Integrated Pest Management.