

**THE SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND
EDUCATION, GOVT. OF INDIA AND DIRECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN COUNCIL OF
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, NEW DELHI PAID HIS MAIDEN VISIT TO ICAR
ARUNACHAL PRADESH CENTRE, BASAR**

Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi paid his maiden visit to ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Arunachal Pradesh Centre, Basar on 30th and 31st March, 2013 along with Dr. S. N. Puri, Vice Chancellor, Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur as Guest of Honour and inaugurated the newly constructed building of Tissue Culture Laboratory and Polyhouse with an area of 975m². He visited all the units of experimental field research and laboratory facilities developed at the centre. During the august gathering Dr. S. V. Ngachan, Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umroi Road, Umiam, Barapani welcome all the dignitaries and guests assembled from different departments, progressive farmers, press and media where Shri Kanki Darang, ADC, Basar, Shri A. K. Purkayastha, Advisor to the Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh attended the function. Dr. S. N. Puri, V. C. CAU expressed his satisfaction witnessing the tremendous development and spectacular change and contribution of ICAR, A. P. Centre, Basar during the last four years from his previous visit with Ex-DG, Dr. Mangala Rai. The visiting DG released the book on “Climate Change, Its Impact and Mitigation Strategies for Hill Ecosystem” authored by R. Bhagawati *et.al*. In the meeting representing the Govt. of A. P. Shri A. K. Purkayastha, Adviser, the Department of Agriculture requested the ICAR authority to strengthen and upgrade the ICAR Arunachal Pradesh, Centre to a full fledged research institute with different research stations in all agro-climatic zones of the state and bringing all the state KVKs into a single umbrella under the jurisdiction of the centre. The Joint Director, Dr. R. Bhagawati offered his vote of thanks to all the dignitaries and support rendered by the Hon’ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of A.P., participating officials, public leaders, press and media and most importantly the farming community.

During the meeting, the Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR expressed that during the XIIth Plan, one AICRP Centre on Pig and Mega Seed Project on Poultry will be given to this centre and allowed to open one transit camp of the centre at Silapathar. Both the DG, ICAR and the VC, CAU declared that there will be more collaborative programmes in farmers’ field and students will be sent for M.Sc. and Ph. D. research programmes in farmers’ field at ICAR, Basar. In the meeting, the DG, ICAR distributed the various inputs like Vanaraja chicks, seeds of maize, groundnut, vegetables, banana, khasi mandarin and carp hatchery, etc. to different progressive farmers from different districts.



