

## **ONE DAY FARMERS' FAIR ORGANIZED BY ICAR RESEARCH COMPLEX FOR NEH REGION, MANIPUR CENTRE**

One Days Farmers' Fair was inaugurated on 9th April, 2013 at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Manipur Centre, Imphal under Horticulture Mission (MM I), National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP). Mohammed Abdul Nasir, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Manipur has graced the inaugural function as Chief Guest; while Dr. M. Premjit Singh, Director of Extension Education, CAU, Imphal and Dr. N. Prakash, Joint Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Manipur Centre acted as Guest of Honour and President, respectively. District officers from various line departments, representative from different KVKs, NGOs and more than three hundreds farmers from different districts of Manipur participated in the farmers' fair. Seeds of rice, maize, pigeon pea, black gram, seasonal vegetables and poultry chicks were also distributed to the participating farmers. Two books on "Developing the Potential of Underutilized Horticultural Crops of Hill Regions" and "Principles and Concepts of Organic Farming" published by ICAR were also released by the guest of honour and chief guest, respectively. One farmer's-Scientist interaction programme was also organized during the occasion.

Mohammed Abdul Nasir, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Manipur, in his speech as Chief Guest congratulated ICAR for their hard work and contribution for holistic development of agriculture sector in Manipur. He emphasized on increasing the productivity of different crops. He also expressed that all the state departments and ICAR should seat together quarterly and hand in hand in an integrated way for the farming community. Guest of Honour Dr. M. Premjit Singh explains the changing climatic scenario and presented brief account of different technologies to combat the impact of global warming on agriculture. Dr. N. Prakash, Joint Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Manipur Centre in his presidential address, briefly explain the different activities undertaken by ICAR for benefit of the farmers under Horticulture Mission (MM I), NICRA, TSP and NAIP. He emphasized on conducting more demonstration at farmers' field for ensuring the livelihood and food security. The inaugural session was ended by presentation of vote of thanks.

# ACTION PHOTOGRAPH OF THE FARMERS' FAIR 2013

