



ICAR-KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA

Hosted by : Bapooji Sevak Samaj (Reg. No - K-333/75)

SANTHANPARA - IDUKKI DISTRICT



SPECIAL EDITION - JUNE 2016



Presidential address by Smt. Deenamma Kuriakose, Chairperson, ICAR - Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Idukki



Inaugural address by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, (Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR)



DG interacting with the members of different SHGs



Farmer - Scientist interface during the PMFBY



ICAR-KVK Idukki, hosted by Bapooji Sevak Samaj, was honoured by the visit of Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, (Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR) and Shri. Chhabilendra Roul, IAS, (Addl. Secretary, DARE & Secretary, ICAR), along with the presence of Dr. Sreenath Dixit, (Director, ATARI, Bengaluru), on the 15th & 17th April, 2016. The team visited all the units of KVK and the instructional farm. They observed all works undertaken by KVK in the campus and gave suggestions for the holistic improvement of the premises of KVK and instructional farm. Later they had an interaction with all the staff of KVK and critically analysed the work undertaken for the improvement of the agrarian scenario of Idukki district. He also insisted to plan and involve farmers to utilize the infrastructure and other facilities of KVK to the maximum extent and to have partnership with all production organizations of the district.



Ms. Reena Chacko, Chairperson - BSS felicitating Hon'ble Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, (Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR)

Rural craft unit being honoured by the presence of the dignitaries



An interaction on the product diversification of Processing Unit

Suggestions for holistic improvement of Bio-hub by the dignitaries



Visit to Cardamom varietal garden

At the instructional farm



Interaction on farm innovations

An interaction with farmers' from various part of Idukki district was organized on **17th April, 2016** at ICAR-KVK, Santhanpara. The meeting was presided over by **Smt. Deenamma Kuriakose**, Chairperson, Krishi Vigyan Kendra in the presence of **Dr.Trilochan Mohapatra**, (Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR), **Shri. ChhabilendraRoul**, IAS, (Addl. Secretary, DARE & Secretary, ICAR), **Dr. J. K. Jena**, Deputy Director General (Fisheries), **Dr.Sreenath Dixit**, (Director,ATARI, Bengaluru) & **Ms. Reena Chacko**, Chairperson-BSS. The meeting started with the ICAR Theme Song. **Dr. Binu John Sam**, Programme Coordinator i/c, briefed the purpose of the meeting and welcomed the gathering. **Dr. Sreenath Dixit**, Director, ATARI, Bengaluru in his opening remarks briefed the importance of this meeting to farmers and how to resolve their problems though KVK by scientist-farmer partnership mode. **Dr.J. K. Jena**, Deputy Director General (Fisheries) in his address suggested that KVK idukki have to utilize the experts in fisheries from ICAR institutes like CMFRI & CIFT, Ernakulam for promoting fisheries production and their value addition. **Smt. Deenamma Kuriakose**, Chairperson, KVK in her presidential address, thanked all the dignitaries from New Delhi & Bengaluru for attending the meeting and briefed the KVK activities and its impact in the agrarian scenario of Idukki district. **Shri. Chhabilendra Roul**, IAS, Addl. Secretary, DARE & Secretary, ICAR in his address reiterated that without farmer participation, there would not have been any use for such an interaction.

The meeting was officially inaugurated by lighting the traditional lamp by **Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra**, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR. In his inaugural address, he expressed his happiness to visit this KVK and was overwhelmed by the participation of farmers for the meeting. He also stressed the need for taking all the technologies to the doorstep of farmers and appreciated the works done by team KVK, Idukki in such a remote and hilly area. He requested the farmers and officials of the line departments to visit this KVK often to ensure that the mandatory activities are carried out to the fullest for the benefit of farmers of Idukki district. He also urged the technical experts to be fully equipped with the scientific advancements and always be a "Lit Lamp" among the farmers of this district. He pointed out the main objective of this interface meeting is to understand the problem of farmers and find out meaningful solutions. Various brochures from different disciplines were released during the meeting by the ICAR officials. Around 250 farmers from different locations of idukki district actively participated in the interaction session that followed and queries from farmers were answered within the scope of the meeting. **Mr Shaji Kakkatu** (Office Superintendent, KVK, Idukki) proposed the vote of thanks and the meeting came to an end at 5.30 pm.



Participants of the Programme



Release of Brochures prepared by Mr. Sudhakar Soundarajan