

14th Scientific advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting, 2022

On 21st December, 2022, a 14th SAC meeting was conducted by the KVK West Khasi Hills at the KVK campus with Smti. K. Swer, Director of Agriculture (R&T), Directorate of Agriculture as the Chairperson of the meeting. A Short welcome speech was delivered by the Chairperson to all members present at the meeting. Members present at the meeting are the following:

Sl. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Smt. K. Swer	Director of Agriculture (RTTI), Shillong
2.	Smt. D. Sohtun	Director of Horticulture, Shillong
3.	Dr. A.K. Singha	Director (Acting), ATARI Zone VII, Umiam,
4.	Dr. R. Bordoloi	Principal Scientist, ATARI Zone VII, Umiam
5.	Shri. L. Phawa	ADA, o/o The DAO, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin
6.	Shri. B. Marwein	SD, o/o The Divisional Soil & Water Conservation Officer, West Khasi Hills
7.	Smt. P. Warjri	o/o The District Sericulture Officer, West Khasi Hills
8.	Shri. H. Kharmuti	Forest Ranger, o/o The District Forest Officer, Social Forestry, West Khasi Hills
9.	Shri. B. Majaw	Fishery Officer, o/o The Superintendent of Fisheries, West Khasi Hills
10.	Smt. A. Suting	Research Officer, District and Local research Station and Laboratory, Shillong
11.	Shri. Stomwell Marngar	Progressive Farmer
12.	Shri Grossfull Pariong	Progressive Farmer
13.	Smt. L. Warjri	Senior Scientist. & Head, KVK, West Khasi Hills, Nongshillong
14.	Smt. Yvonne Sohtun	SMS(Horticulture)
15.	Dr.Jeremy Wahlang	SMS(Animal Science)
16.	Shri. Rudolf Pakyntein	SMS(Fisheries)
17.	Shri. Mesaya R. Marak	SMS (Agronomy)
18.	Shri. Heipormi Sungoh	Farm Manager
19.	Shri. Rapborlang Lyngrah	Program Asst (Computer)
20.	Smt. Ibakorlang Suting	Program Asst (Technical)
21.	Smt. Ibadondor L. Mawlot	Office Superintendent/Accountant
22.	Smt. Armisha Dkhar	Junior Asst/Stenographer
23.	Shri. Kitborlang Marngar	Agromet. Observer

The meeting was followed by the presentation from Senior Scientist & Head, Smti. L. Warjri, for presenting the APR-2022 and AAP-2023. During the meeting an interaction between the members and KVK West Khasi Hills was actively involved and the suggestions given by them are as follows:

Suggestions regarding Annual Progress Report 2022

OFTs

- **Use of fresh azolla as dietary supplementation in backyard poultry Dietary supplement azolla-** Feed in Farmer Practice should be shown as nil as suggested by Dr. R. Bordoloi

FLDs

- **A study on Diffusion and Adoption of KVK technologies by the farming community in West Khasi Hills** Dr. Bordoloi advised further discussion with Dr. E. K. Marbaniang, SMS Agricultural Extension regarding the FLD.

Training Programmes

Dr. A. K. Singha

If the training programmes conducted by KVK are sponsored by other organization eg., NABARD, ATMA then it should come under sponsored programme.

Inquired of any new Fund for Natural Farming for 2022-2023

General Suggestions

Dr. A. K. Singha

- The power-point slide of the proceedings of the previous SAC Meeting is to be kept at beginning of the presentation.
- The area coverage of villages are to be shown in figures and percentage in brackets.

Dr. R. Bordoloi

Regarding the Mode of implementation of technologies they are to be written as Participatory assessment.

Suggestions regarding Annual Action Plan 2023- 2024

OFTs

Assessment of organic cultivation system for carrot: Dr. R. Bordoloi suggested that the POP for Organic cultivation of vegetables is to be referred from ICAR RC NEH, Meghalaya technology booklet instead of reference to AAU, Jorhat

Assessment of performance of quail birds under deep litter system: Dr. R. Bordoloi suggested to assess the status of demand of such variety in market accordingly before its popularization.

Note:- Owing to the loss of internet connectivity the remaining disciplines which were not presented before the esteemed ATARI officials, shall await advices, suggestions and any necessary changes.

Conclusion

Smt. K. Swer, Director of Agriculture (R&T) Inquired from Dr. J. Wahlang, SMS, Animal Science about the suitable weather and climatic condition that is most favourable for raising of Quail birds.

Smt. D. Sohtun, Director of Horticulture suggested that 2 OFTs should be proposed from Agricultural Extension discipline.

Shri. B. Majaw, Fisheries Officer (i/c Superintendant fisheries)- Encouraged the promotion of Paddy cum Fish culture Technology- after the rice harvest in the district.

Shri. Grossful Pariong, Progressive farmer- Expressed his appreciation towards the efforts of KVK in the introduction and popularization of various farming technologies and his well wishes for all future endeavors.

The meeting concluded with a short vote of thanks from Smt. L. Warjri, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, West Khasi.

