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Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) otherwise known as Farm Science Centre is a noble concept developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) which was rested upon a solid base of transfer of technology from laboratory to farmers' field with respect to Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, Floriculture, Bee keeping, Mushroom Cultivation and allied subjects. A lot of technologies were generated by the ICAR through constant effort of the scientists to boost up the production. But the technologies so generated in the research field are not transferred through extension agencies of different State Government. It is observed that a lot of technologies could not reach the farmer due to high cost of adoption and lack of interest of extension agencies. Hence the transfer of technology was not complete and effective. As per the recommendations of Mohan Singh Meheta Committee during 1974, KVKs were established in different states for easy and active participation of farmers through Front Line Demonstration (FLD) and On Farm Trial (OFT). Gradually working guidelines were prepared to make all KVKs as the light house for the rural people.

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FROM THE PROGRAMME COORDINATOR'S DESK

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) West Khasi Hills District Located at Nongshillong, West Khasi Hills District, started functioning with effect from April 2010. In compliance to Government order, assumption of charge as Programme Coordinator i/c KVK West Khasi Hills from March 2011 was effected as per specified terms of references i.e. to plan, oversee the functioning of the KVK, to monitor the fund released for its functions and programmes, to ensure co-ordination and net-working with other training institutions, supervise the office establishment and building infrastructure and to liaise between the KVK and the State Government, etc.

Though in its nascent stage, the KVK have been able to acquire land for setting up of proper infrastructure for its smooth functioning, apart from conducting field programmes and trainings. It is heartening and inspiring to be able to initiate and bring out this first Newsletter which I am sure, inspite of many constraints, would serve as an eye opener on the initiative taken by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, West Khasi Hills towards fulfilling the mandate and objective of the KVK. Nevertheless, with any new initiatives, flaws and lacunae are inherent, to which, we are most grateful if inputs toward improving the Newsletter are forthcoming from one and all.

MANDATES AND OBJECTIVES OF KVK

Following are the Mandates of KVKs:

1. Conducting "On Farm Testing" for identifying technologies in terms of location specific sustainable land use system.
2. Organize training to update the extension personnel with emerging advances in agricultural research on regular basis.
3. Organize short and long -term vocational training courses in agriculture and allied vocations for the farmers and rural youths with emphasis on "learning by doing" for higher production on farms and generating self employment.
4. Organized Front Line Demonstrations on various crops to generate production data and feedback information.

To achieve the above mentioned Mandates there are six objectives to follow for all activities to be under taken by the KVK and they are

1. To demonstrate the new improved Technology to the farmers as well as to the extension agencies directly in the farmers field with their active participation and verify these technologies by Assessment and Refinement to make them fit for the Local environments.

2. To identify the important problems of that area as per the need of the farmer and prioritization of the identified problems as per their importance.
3. To collect feed back from the farmers and extension agencies and to communicate these messages to research scientists for modification of technology.
4. To impart training on different topics to different group of villagers.
5. To provide new and important information to the extension agencies and NGOs for wider circulation in that locality to improve their economic condition.
6. To prepare different extension models and verify these models in the farmers field with their participation to create confidence among them.

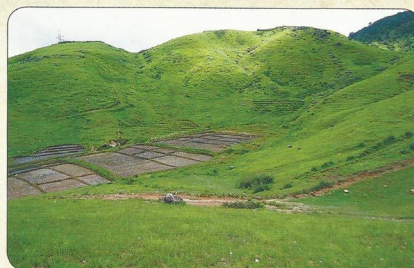
STAFF POSITION UNDER KVK WEST KHASI HILLS

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1	Shri.N.S Nongbri Principal BATC Upper Shillong	i/c Programme Coordinator	B.Sc (Agri.)
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HAND-OVER OF LAND (GIFT DEED)

The land meant for establishment of KVK, West Khasi Hills at Nongshillong village with an area of 15.33 hectares was handed over as a gift deed on the May 25, 2010 in the presence of Dr. D.C. Sangliene (Director of Agriculture), Dr.R.B. Dympep (Joint Director of Agriculture(A&A) and Nodal Officer of the Meghalaya State KVKs), Shri E. Wahlang (DAO, West Khasi Hills, Nongstoin), Shri S.Thabah (Programme Coordinator i/c), Shri H.S Thabah (the Acting Chief of Mawiang Syiemship) and the other representatives of the village.

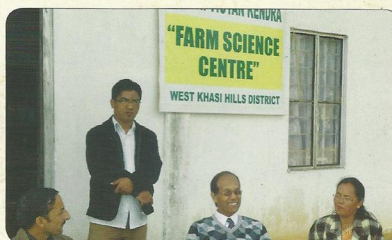




Land for KVK West Khasi Hills

ZONAL PROJECT DIRECTOR (ZONE-III) VISITED KVK, WEST KHASI HILLS

Dr.A.K.Gogoi, the Zonal Project Director (Zone-III) made his first visit to the Centre on the November 26, 2010 and held discussion with the KVK technical Staffs on various issues and discussed at length with suggestions for the smooth functioning of the KVK. ZPD also visited the Land of the KVK and he stressed on the immediate submission of the Plan and Cost Estimates of the Administrative



ZPD with the Staffs of KVK West Khasi Hills

Building and fencing for an early approval by the Zonal Project Directorate. The friendly attitude, approachable and wholehearted support from time to time by Dr.A.K Gogoi, Zonal Project Director, Zone-III encourages all of us to work entirely for the fulfilling the Mandates and Objectives and mostly for the benefit of the farming community.

ACTIVITIES OF THE KVK

In order to fulfill the Mandates of the KVK, various activities such as OFTs and FLDs were taken up in selected villages and Trainings were organized in those villages as well as in the Centre for the benefits of the farmers and the rural youth.

(I) ON FARM TRIALS (OFTs)

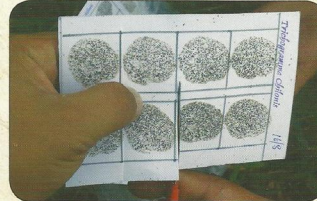
On Farm Trials were conducted on “Soft Rot of Ginger” and “Management of stem and shoot borer of Ginger” at three villages viz. Mawkyrdang, Wahrit and Mawkynrang under Mairang C&RD Block. To tackle the problem of Low yield and severe insect pests’ infestation in cabbage, OFTs on “Introduction of suitable HYV of cabbage” and “IPM in Cabbage Cultivation” were also conducted at Nongshillong, Umjei and Mawroh.



On Farm Trials (OFTs)

(II) FRONT LINE DEMONSTRATIONS (FLDs)

Two FLDs were conducted during the period. As per the survey conducted, it was found that the yield of Paddy in the selected villages was low due to infestation by different Insect pests. Front Line Demonstration was done at Nongshillong under Mawthadraishan C&RD Block on Integrated Pest Management on Paddy. Another demonstration was conducted on Intercropping of Cabbage + Pea at Dong Bir, Mawsawa and Donggate under Mairang C&RD Block.



FLD on Integrated Pest Management on Paddy



FLD on Integrated Pest Management on Paddy



FLD on Inter cropping of Cabbage + Pea

(III) TRAINING AND AWARENESS PROGRAMMES CONDUCTED (APRIL-DECEMBER, 2010)

A. FARMERS:

During the period, a total number of 24 trainings were conducted at the Center and also at different villages for the Practicing Farmers on various topics as per the Assessed Training Needs. A total of 367 farmers were benefited from the various trainings conducted.

B. RURAL YOUTHS:

With an aim of motivating the rural youths to take up different small agro-based enterprises, six trainings were conducted for the rural youths at the Centre and in nearby villages on various important topics. A total of 90 Rural Youths were benefited from these trainings.



Training for Rural Youth



Training for Farmers

OTHER EXTENSION ACTIVITIES:

A. Field Day: A "Field Day" on "Integrated Pest Management on Paddy" was observed at Nongshillong on 8th November 2010 which was attended by 28 farmers.

B. Radio Talk: Three Radio Talks by SMS (Plant Protection) on

1. Integrated Pest Management of Paddy" on 13th September 2010
2. Integrated Pest Management on Cabbage" on the 30th November 2010
3. Eco-friendly Management of Important diseases of Tomato" on the 15th March, 2011



C. As Resource person by SMS (Plant Protection):

- a) For the training conducted by R.O, DLRS, Shillong at i) Nongstoin West Khasi Hills on "Integrated Pest Management of Paddy" on 12th August 2010, (ii) Laitlyngkot East Khasi Hills on "Eco-friendly Management of Important Disease of Potato" on the 17th August 2010 (iii) Nangbari Ri-Bhoi District on "Management of Soft Rot of Ginger" on 18th August 2010.



- b) For the training conducted by District Training Officer, Shillong at DTO Office on "Management of important diseases of Potato" on the 6th May 2010.



- D. **Diagnostic visit:** SMSs of the KVK made several diagnostic visits to the farmers' field to diagnose the problems and to get the first hand information.

- E. **ATMA:** In collaboration with DAO Nongstoin, this KVK has been taking an active role in conducting PRA for preparation the SREP.



BTT at Mairang C&RD Block

IMPORTANT EVENTS

- 1) **SAC Meeting:** The first meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee was held at the Office of the DAO, Nongstoin on 23rd September, 2010 and was attended by 11 members. At this meeting different activities undertaken/proposed by the KVK were highlighted and the "Action Plan" was presented to the SAC members. The meeting was chaired by Shri H.S Lyngdoh, Director of Agriculture, Meghalaya
- 2) **KVK Annual Zonal Workshop:** SMS (Horticulture) attended the Zonal Workshop which was held at the Regional Resource Training Centre, Umran, Ri-Bhoi District w.e.f 27th to 29th September, 2010
- 3) **National Conference:** The 5th National Conference of KVKs held at MPUA & T, Udaipur, Rajasthan w.e.f 22-24th December, 2010 on the theme "Farm innovation for Agripreneurs" was participated by Smt. Mariana Dkhar SMS (Plant Protection) as representative of the KVK West Khasi Hills.

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