

ICAR-KVK Phek Organized XXth Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Phek, under ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun, Medziphema, and ICAR-ATARI Zone VII, Umiam, organized the XXth Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting on 13th February 2025. The meeting aimed to review the annual progress and plan future agricultural strategies for the district.

The meeting commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Head and Senior Scientist, KVK Phek. Dr. Girish Patil, Director of NRC on Mithun, Medziphema, chaired the session and delivered introductory remarks emphasizing the importance of commercial, sustainable, and integrated farming systems. Additionally, discussions were held on jhum cultivation, fodder cultivation in jhum areas, and model village development in collaboration with NGOs and Self-Help Groups (SHGs) to promote sustainable agricultural practices.

Dr. A.K. Mohanty, Director of ICAR-ATARI Zone-VII, Umiam Meghalaya, joined the meeting virtually and provided valuable inputs for planning KVK activities for 2025. He emphasized the need to assess and introduce high-yielding varieties and suitable technologies for the region's agroclimatic conditions.

Dr. Singh presented KVK's annual report for January–December 2024, followed by discussions on collaborating with state departments for technology transfer and promote agricultural and allied sectors in the district. Additionally, the Annual Action Plan for 2025 was presented, covering on-farm testing, frontline demonstrations, training programs and extension activities.

Various representatives attended the meeting and provided their inputs, including Joint Director Horticulture, Nagaland, Shri. Mongsanger, DAO, Phek, Shri. Senkalemba, DHO, Phek, Ms. Pamchingla Kumrah, State Co-ordinator, North East Network Chizami, Ms. Nezelü Nyekha, Executive Director, CWWS, Pfutsero, Mr. Ngupetso, Mrs. Kūhūkhrlū, Mrs. Kukhrusulu and Mr. Vepozo Thira (Farmer members), Vizol Kera, Branch Manager, NStCB Ltd., Pfutsero and other invited guests from line departments. Mr. Debabrata Goswami (PEX) Head of Programme DDK and Mr. H.K. Chishi Ex. Programme Head, Doordarshan Kendra Kohima joined virtually and gave their suggestions.

Furthermore, discussions emphasized the need for collaboration with various agricultural and allied departments to jointly organize training programs and activities to ensure sustainable agricultural production in the district. In the closing remarks, Dr. Girish Patil S., Director of ICAR – NRC Mithun, Medziphema, appreciated the efforts made by the KVK in promoting scientific production practices in Phek district. Dr. T. Esther Longkumer, Chief Technical Officer of KVK Phek, delivered the vote of thanks, while Dr. Hannah K. Asangla, Chief Technical Officer, served as the moderator of the program.

