

News Brief

National Level Interactive successfully held at ICAR-ATARI, Umiam, Meghalaya

A National Level Interactive Workshop on “Administrative, Financial and Legal Convergence for Good Governance” was successfully organized by the SMD (Extension), ICAR, KAB-I, New Delhi in collaboration with ICAR-ATARI, Umiam, Meghalaya during 6–7 October 2025 at Umiam.

The two-day workshop brought together Assistant Administrative Officers (AAOs) and Assistant Finance & Accounts Officers (AFAOs) and staffs dealing with legal matters from all 11 ICAR-ATARIs across the country namely Ludhiana, Jodhpur, Kanpur, Patna, Kolkata, Guwahati, Umiam, Jabalpur, Pune, Hyderabad & Benegaluru to discuss about various issues related to administration, finance & legal matters with respect to Krishi Vigyan Kendras and ATARIs and to suggest corrective measures in consultation with ICAR HQ officials from New Delhi. The programme mainly aimed at strengthening convergence among administrative, financial, and legal framework within KVK system in ICAR to enhance transparency, accountability, and institutional efficiency.

The inaugural session commenced in the gracious presence of Dr. S. Hazarika, Director, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, as the Chief Guest. In his inaugural address, Dr. Hazarika emphasized the need for better coordination between administrative and financial wings of ICAR institutes to ensure procedural clarity, timely decision-making, and good governance.

Participating as the Guest of Honour, Shri. Suresh Kumar, Director (AE), accentuated that there is need to streamline the administration, finance and legal framework in the KVK system to bring good governance.

Chairing over the function, Dr. A.K.Mohanty, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Umiam gave a brief insights into the nature of administrative and financial work being carried out by ATARIs for smooth functioning of KVKs and highlighted the bottleneck in the KVK system that needs policy attention.

At the outset of the programme, Sh. R.C.Pradhan, AAO, ICAR-ATARI, Umiam, welcomed the delegates followed by an overview of the programme presented by Shri Balraj Singh, Deputy Secretary (AE), ICAR. A Technical Session was followed by presentations from Shri Suresh Kumar, Director (AE), ICAR, Shri Balraj Singh, Deputy Secretary (AE), ICAR, and Shri Raj Kumar, Section Officer (AE), ICAR, who elaborated on key administrative and financial circulars, rules, and best practices to strengthen institutional management. The AAOs and AFAOs from different ATARIs presented cases and experiences from their respective zones. Their presentations covered various administrative and financial issues, innovative

solutions, and the implementation of ICAR guidelines at field level. The technical session concluded with a discussion and query session, allowing participants to seek clarifications from ICAR officials.

The second day began with a presentation by officers from ICAR Headquarters on how to reply court cases, release funds, legal vetting, and counter affidavits through on-on-one interaction citing different case studies.

The Valedictory Session was graced by Dr. A. K. Gogoi, Former ADG (NRM), ICAR and former Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone-VII, Umiam, as the Chief Guest. In his address, Dr. Gogoi lauded the efforts of ICAR-ATARI, Umiam for organizing such a meaningful workshop that brought together administrative and financial officers from all ATARIs to deliberate on governance issues and discuss on smooth functioning of institutions and strengthening the KVK system.

The training report was presented by Shri. Suresh Kumar, Director (AE) followed by the vote of thanks by Smt. Subhashree Satapathy, AF&AO, ICAR-ATARI, Umiam.

The workshop was highly interactive and outcome-oriented, leading to practical insights, peer learning, and the sharing of best practices across the ICAR-ATARI system. Participants expressed appreciation for the opportunity to engage in collective dialogue aimed at strengthening Administrative, Financial, and Legal Convergence for Good Governance across ICAR institutions.



Felicitation of Chief Guest, Dr. S.Hazarika, Director, ICAR RC for NEH Region, Umiam, MEghalaya



Felicitation of Guest of Honour, Sh. Suresh Kumar, Director (AE), ICAR, New Delhi



Cases & Experience Presentation by AAO/AFAO (ATARIs)



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Certificate of Participation Distribution to AAO/AFAO of different ATARIs



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