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ICAR-ATARI, Umiam & KVK, Ri-Bhoi jointly conducts 3 -days Capacity Building Programme on Advanced Dairy Reproduction through ART

Umiam, 5th May, 2026. A three-days sponsored capacity building programme on “*Sustainable Dairy Farming through Advanced Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) with Superior Cattle Germplasm*” commenced today at ICAR-ATARI Zone VII, Umiam in collaboration with ICAR-KVK Ri-Bhoi. The programme is being conducted as a part of the project “*Establishment of ART facilities for dissemination and Field Application of Superior Frieswal and Indigenous Cattle Germplasm in the NEH Region*” sponsored by ICAR-CIRC, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh under which two (2) dedicated ART centers i.e. one at KVK Ri-Bhoi and another at KVK South Garo Hills have been established where sex shorted superior dairy cattle semen will be available for the farmers and other stakeholders. A total of 34 participants, including 2 veterinary doctors, 7 para-veterinary professionals, and 25 progressive dairy farmers from three different blocks of Ri Bhoi district, Meghalaya, are attending the programme.

The inaugural session started with a warm welcome address by Dr. A. K. Mohanty, Director, ICAR-ATARI Zone-VII, who emphasized the importance of integrating modern scientific approaches with traditional dairy farming practices to enhance the productivity of cattle through artificial insemination techniques. Highlighting the significance of the training Dr. P. K. Pathak, Sr. Scientist, ICAR-ATARI Zone-VII and PI of the ART project stressed the growing need for artificial insemination and advanced reproductive technologies in strengthening the dairy sector of Meghalaya.

The Guest of Honour Dr. Ririti Kharbuli, District Veterinary Officer, Government of Meghalaya, elaborated on various initiatives undertaken by the state government to improve dairy development in Ri-Bhoi district. Another Guest of Honour, Dr. G. Kadirvel, Director of ICAR-Research Complex for NEH

Region, Umiam, shared valuable insights for adopting region-specific and need-based strategies for the overall development of the dairy sector in the North Eastern region, particularly Meghalaya.

The Chief Guest, Dr. Aijeris Chyne, Director of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Government of Meghalaya, appreciated the initiative taken by ICAR-ATARI Zone-VII and ICAR-KVK Ri Bhoi. She assured full support from the department for the successful implementation and wider outreach of such programmes in the state. The inaugural session concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Moloy Sarmah Baruah, Subject Matter Specialist (Animal Science), KVK Ri Bhoi which was followed by the hands on technical sessions by the experts. During these three days programme all together 12 numbers of hands on lectures will be covered by the experts from ICAR-RCNEH, Umiam; Assam Veterinary and Fishery University, Khanapara. The programme aims to equip participants with advanced knowledge and practical skills in modern breeding techniques, ultimately contributing to sustainable dairy farming and improved livelihoods in the region.

