

Consultative Workshop in North Eastern Region on Academia-Industry- Government linkages for Quality Agricultural Education

A two-days consultative workshop was jointly organized by ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad and Assam Agricultural University, Khanapara, Guwahati in College of Veterinary Sciences, Assam Agricultural University, Khanapara during Jan 27-28, 2020. The workshop was organized as a part of the World Bank sponsored National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) Component - 2A to assess the existing linkages among Universities in Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary and Fisheries with industries and the Government. The idea was also to strengthen Agricultural Higher Education and to understand the existing support system from State Government in raising the quality and relevance of Agricultural Higher Education.

There were total 63 participants in all from industry, state government and universities from all the North-East (NE) States. There were fruitful deliberations from the delegates regarding existing linkage among academia, government and industry as well as each other's expectations and expertise available which can be of use for other stakeholders. Participants also shared their experiences and provided host of suggestions to implement for quality education at the university level. They also realised that this is a big step towards working together in coming future.

Dr. K.M. Bujarbaruah, Former Vice Chancellor of the University and former DDG, Animal Science, ICAR and the Chief Guest on the occasion appreciated the effort of bringing all stakeholders on one platform for collecting valuable ideas for improving the agricultural education in the country. He highlighted the need for a laboratory / centre at university level which can cater the need of industry also. This will minimize the expenses at the industry level and hence the benefits will percolate to the farmers at economical and affordable prices. He also stressed upon the need of Industry Chairs to carry out industry research. Dr. Sanjiv Kumar, Scientist, ICAR-NAARM and workshop Co-Director highlighted about the Project and the objectives of the NAHEP project. He also explained the importance of linkage to the Industry, Academia and Government. Dr. Atul Borgohain, Associate Director of Extension Education, AAU, Khanapara and Co-Director of the Workshop shared his opinion regarding the importance of such workshop in the eastern region.



Dr. K.M. Bujarbaruah illuminating the lamp during inauguration of consultative workshop



Participants of Consultative Workshop