

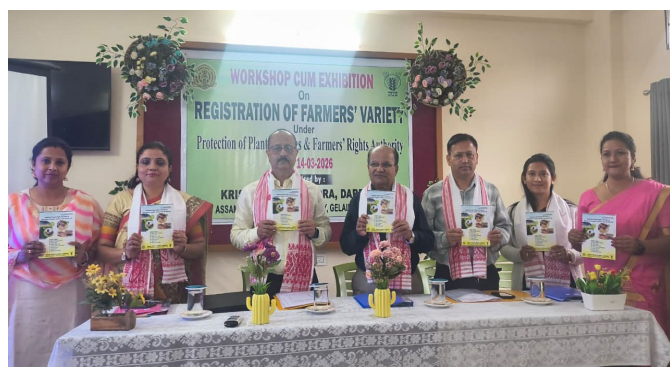


## PPVFRA funded One Day Workshop on PPVFR Act, 2001 organized by KVK, Darrang, Assam on 14-03-2026



A One Day Workshop on “Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights” was organized at KVK Darrang on 14-03-2026. More than one hundred farmers attended the programme.

The Workshop was inaugurated by Dr. P. Talukdar, Rtd. Prof & Head, Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics, AAU, Jorhat. Dr. Abdul Hafiz, Sr. Scientist & Head, KVK Darrang briefed the objectives of the workshop.



Dr. Shaptadvipa Bhattacharyya, SMS (PBG), KVK Morigaon and Dr. Smita Gogoi, Junior Scientist, AAU-ZRS Shillongoni were also participated the workshop as Resource Persons. An Extension Bulletin on IPR was also published by the KVK.

A presentation on PPV & FR Act, 2001 was done by the Dr. A.C. Sarma, Deputy Registrar, PPVFRA Branch Office, Guwahati. The importance of registering the unique farmers varieties with PPV & FR Authority was highlighted. The salient features of the Act like Farmers Rights, Benefit Sharing, PGSC Award, PGSF Reward/Recognition etc. had been explained. The Farmers and the Farming Communities were requested to register their varieties to



claim ownership.



Dr. P. Talukdar, Rtd. Prof. & Head, Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics, AAU Jorhat explained the farmers regarding the rights of the farmers breeders and requested the farmers and farming communities to come forward to register their unique varieties. He

emphasized in registering the Farmers’ Varieties of rice preferably in the name of Communities.

Dr. Shaptadvipa Bhattacharyya, SMS (PBG), KVK Morigaon, explained the farmers regarding the importance of registering farmers varieties while Dr. Smita Gogoi, Junior Scientist, AAU-ZRS Shillongoni shared her experiences in working in DUS Test Centre for rice at AAU, Jorhat. She explained the details of DUS characters.



An exhibition showcased the traditional germplasm of rice, ginger, turmeric and groundnut etc. The best exhibitor was also awarded.



More than 100 farmers attended the programme. The event was covered by local press media. A News was published in largely circulated Assamese Daily “*Asomiya Pratidin*” in its issue on 15-03-2026.



Deputy Registrar and the resource persons answered various questions of the farmers during the Question- Answer Session while Dr Merry Sarma, SMS, PBG helped the farmers in filling up of application. Ten numbers of Farmers Varieties Applications were filled up in the programme.

