



Training Programme on Registration of Farmers' Varieties under PPVFRA Organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Jorhat on 13th March, 2026



The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act (PPVFRA), 2001, is a landmark legislation enacted by the Government of India to safeguard the rights of farmers and plant breeders while promoting the development of new plant varieties. The Act recognizes the invaluable contribution of farmers in conserving, improving, and making available plant genetic resources. It provides legal protection to plant varieties and ensures benefit-sharing, thereby strengthening agricultural sustainability and biodiversity conservation.

In this context, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Jorhat organized a one-day Training Programme on "Registration of Farmers' Varieties under PPVFRA" on 13th March, 2026. The programme was designed to create awareness among farmers regarding their rights under the Act and to equip them with practical knowledge on the process of registration of their indigenous crop varieties.



A total of 150 farmers from various villages of Jorhat district participated in the training programme. The participants included progressive farmers, farm women, members of self-help groups (SHGs), and rural youth engaged in agriculture and allied activities.

The training sessions were conducted by eminent experts from Assam Agricultural University (AAU) and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Jorhat. Dr. Kishore Kumar Sharma, Professor and Head, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, AAU, delivered detailed insights on plant variety protection. Dr. Ranjit Saud, Associate Director of Extension Education, AAU, emphasized the importance of farmers' participation in safeguarding indigenous varieties. Dr. Rupam Borgohain, Principal Scientist, AAU, provided practical guidance on registration procedures under PPV&FRA.



Dr. Sanjoy Bothakur, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Jorhat, also served as a Resource Person and contributed to the programme through his expert guidance and interaction with the participants. The programme was conducted under the overall supervision of Dr. Bhoirab Gogoi, SMS (Horticulture), KVK Jorhat, who acted as the Course Director and ensured the smooth and effective implementation of the training.

The programme commenced with a welcome address highlighting the importance of PPV&FRA in protecting farmers' rights. The training sessions covered key topics such

as provisions of the Act, farmers' rights, importance of registration, eligibility criteria, application procedures, and documentation requirements.

A small exhibition showcasing locally available fruits, vegetables, and traditional rice varieties was also organized during the programme, highlighting the rich agrobiodiversity of the region and emphasizing the importance of conservation and registration of farmers' varieties under PPV&FRA.



A Training Manual was released in regional language for the better understanding for the farmers which was distributed to all the trainees. Audio-visual aids and practical examples were used to facilitate better understanding among the participants.



Hands-on sessions were conducted to guide farmers on filling application forms and maintaining necessary records. An interactive session enabled farmers to share their experiences and clarify doubts regarding the registration process and benefits under the Act.

The training programme was successfully conducted with active participation of 150 farmers. It effectively achieved its objectives of creating awareness and building capacity among farmers regarding registration of farmers' varieties under PPV&FRA. The programme is expected to contribute towards conservation of traditional varieties and empowerment of farmers.

