

POST-TRAINING INSIGHTS

“Cultivation of Oyster Mushroom for Doubling farmer’s income in Manipur”

21st - 23rd December 2023



INTRODUCTION:

The MTI Hub Team actively participated in a three-day Mushroom Cultivation Training Program hosted at the ICAR Imphal Lemphel complex from the 21st to the 23rd of December. The event served as a platform for fruitful interactions between the visiting team, local farmers, and esteemed scientists from various fields.



Day 1 and 2: Interaction and Briefing:

The MTI Hub Liaison Manager, Mr. Anil Singh, and Program Associate McDon commenced the program by providing an overview of the organization's objectives. They also discussed potential funding opportunities available to support initiatives in the region. The team expressed their commitment to engaging in one-on-one sessions with different departments to explore future synergies and collaborations.





DAY 3: MUSHROOM CULTIVATORS EXHIBITION (23RD DEC 2023):

The culminating event of the training program was an exhibition featuring Mushroom Cultivators, coinciding with National Mushroom Day. The Director of the Department of Agriculture Manipur, Shri Nongthombam Gojendra Singh, and the Additional Director of Manipur Organic Mission Agency, Shri Devdata Sharma, graced the occasion. Both dignitaries emphasized the immense potential of mushroom cultivation and the impact of modern techniques on transforming the livelihoods of mushroom growers, especially in smaller states like Manipur.



COLLABORATION WITH ICAR ABI:

A significant development occurred during a detailed discussion with Shri Kh. Rishikatnta, the Head in charge of Agri Business Incubation (ABI) at ICAR. Both parties mutually agreed to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to facilitate and strengthen the startup ecosystem in the state. This collaborative effort is anticipated to contribute significantly to the agricultural and entrepreneurial landscape.



EXPLORING TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER:

Looking ahead, the MTI Hub team expressed interest in engaging with KIIT TTO to explore potential technology transfers involving ICAR RC-NEH Imphal. Such collaborations aim to bring about innovation and advancement in agricultural practices through the infusion of new technologies.

STATISTICS:

- Total Number of Mushroom Cultivators Briefed: 30
- Total Number of Scientists Interacted: 7



CONCLUSION:



The Mushroom Cultivation Training Program proved to be a successful platform for knowledge exchange, collaboration initiation, and networking between the MTI Hub Team, local farmers, and scientists. The potential MOU with ICAR ABI and the exploration of technology transfer signify promising steps toward enhancing agricultural practices and fostering innovation in the state.

The MTI Hub Team expresses gratitude to ICAR Imphal Lemphei complex, the Department of Agriculture Manipur, and all participants for making this training program a meaningful and productive experience.

