DIRECTORATE OF EXTENSION EDUCATION

CENTRAL AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, IMPHAL -795 004 (MANIPUR)

**PRESS NOTE**

 **The Directorate of Extension Education, CAU, Imphal organized One day Input distribution programme under Farmer FIRST Programme, CAU, Imphal with Farmer Scientist Interface to a new site at Maopungdong village, Senapati district Manipur on 20th February, 2023.**

 **The farmer FIRST Programme means (FARM, INNOVATION, RESOURCES, SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY). This project has directly initiated from PMO & presently FFP programme in 52 centres are running in the nation under 11 ICAR- Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARIs) and 3 centres are running in the North East region under 2 ICAR-ATARIs.**

**CAU, Imphal is currently implementing this project at two new hill districts of Manipur (i) Maopungdong village, Senepati district & Shangshak Khullen village, Ukhrul district of Manipur.**

 **On the Dias Dr. Lorho S. Pfoze, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha (Outer Manipur) (As Chief Guest), Dr. Anupam Mishra, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, CAU, Imphal, (Guest of Honour) and Prof. Ph. Ranjit Sharma, Director of Extension Education and Principal Investigator of the Farmer FIRST Programme, CAU, Imphal (President) and Headman, Maopungdong village, Senepati district.**

**At the beginning Prof. Ph. Ranjit Sharma, Director of Extension Education and Principal Investigator of the Project highlighted about the Farmer FIRST Programme, CAU, Imphal.**

**Dr. Anupam Mishra, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, CAU, Imphal, (Guest of Honour) also expressed that this is my first visit to this premiere village and felt a wonderful atmosphere. He appealed to the farmers to incorporate their ideas and skills in agriculture with the scientific methods and technology to upgrade the farming system and make a sustainable livelihood development**

**Dr. Lorho S. Pfoze, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha (Outer Manipur) expressed happiness of Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, CAU, Imphal Dr. Anupam Mishra’s visit to this village. He further appeals to the villagers to cooperate among themselves and follow the guidelines given by the CAU, Imphal to make this project successful and make a change in livelihood and economic development of this village.**

**Later, Hon’ble M.P. Dr. Lorho S. Pfoze and Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, CAU, Imphal distributed farm Equipment’s like Egg Incubator, Mini Rice Mill, Power Generator, Sprayer and garden implements, Piglets, Potato tubers, Cucumber seeds etc, to the beneficiary farmers of the Maopungdong village, Senepati district, Manipur and followed by Farmer- Scientist Interface.**

**About 180 villagers/ farmers were also present in the said function.**

 **Prof. Ph. Ranjit Sharma**

**Director**

**Extension Education, CAU, Imphal**

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**Principal Investigator, FFP, CAU, Imphal**