

State level technical programme discussions



State level research and technical programme discussions were organised at SV Agricultural College, Tirupati at the Agricultural Extension Division during 5-6th May 2011. Several of the validation technologies taken up in the ClimaRice project were discussed.

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A presentation was given by Dr. Gurava Reddy, Scientist, RARS, Lam Research Centre, Agricultural Univ., on the climate change impacts and the validation technologies taken up by the ClimaRice II project. The research centre is working with the ClimaRice team.

Dr T Yellamanda Reddy, Dean of Agriculture at the Acharya N.G Ranga Agricultural University, has shown interest in the ClimaRice II project, and in particular on the weather based crop insurance scheme and stressed the need for making policy outreach. Discussion was also raised with the Vice Chancellor stressing it as an important research area for risk management. Research on weather based index insurance is one such mechanism in risk management option for the farmers. He also suggested comparing the already available weather based crop insurance scheme in chillies crop in Andhra Pradesh state also during this year 2011-12.

In another state level technical programme discussion of extension centres (KVKs, DAATTCs, Electronic wing etc) research programmes organised at the Agricultural College, Rajendranagar during 26-30 April Sri. Nagi Reddy, Vice-Chancellor & Principal Secretary, stressed the need of tackling twin problems/ or scarcity i.e., water and labour. This coincides well with ClimaRice II activities where in demonstrations on direct sowing of paddy (water saving) and machine transplanting (labour saving) issues in the farmers field are being tried out.