

# Visit to ClimaRice II project fields



On December 16th 2011, Mr. Nagi Reddy, Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Vice Chancellor of the Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, ANGRAU (in-charge) visited the ClimaRice II project fields of Jonnalagadda village and the Regional Agricultural Research Station (RARS), located at Lam, Guntur district.

The scientists from RARS Lam explained the Principal Secretary and other members of the visiting team about the project objectives and the validation practices being taken up in the farmers' fields in the village. On this occasion the team visited the farms where Direct Seeded rice was being tested as an adaptation strategy address delayed monsoon and water scarce conditions.

During the discussions, farmers notified that shifting to alternative rice cultivation, helps in the reduction of costs and labour needs, besides addressing climate change impacts. The Principal Secretary suggested to bring up the Drum seeded rice technique into practice in the farmers' fields. Y. Sridhar, Joint director of Agriculture; Dr.Sankar Reddy, Associate Director or research, Lam; Deputy and additional directors of Agriculture; scientists, RARS LAM and T.V. Satyanarayana, Dean of Ag. Engineering accompanied the team.



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Article in local newspaper about visit.