

ICAR Arunachal Pradesh Centre, Basar conducted training cum awareness programme under “*Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav*”

Basar 30-03-2017: Training cum Awareness programme was conducted under “*Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav*” (MGMG) at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Arunachal Pradesh Centre, Basar on 30th March 2017 primarily to identify villages in the vicinity of the centre for providing consultations and advisories to farmers for increasing farm productivity and production. Around fifty progressive farmers attended the programme from five different villages (Gori-I, II, III, Nyado and Soi). Addressing the occasion, Joint Director, ICAR Basar Dr. H. Kalita stressed on adopting new and improved location specific and resilient technologies for economic and livelihood improvement of the villages as a whole. He appealed the farmers to join hand with the scientists of ICAR and KVK for overall agricultural development of the state. The Guest of Honour, Smt. Tonyir Basar, Zila Parishad Member, reiterated the constant role played by ICAR for development of farming community of the area and urged the farmers to extend all possible support to scientists and extension functionaries. Senior Scientist & Head KVK West Siang, Dr. C.S. Raghav gave brief overview on the concept of MGMG and insisted the farmers to make their villages self sufficient and economically sustainable. Dr. Doni Jini Scientist (VEE) coordinated the programme and detailed on the concept and objective of the MGMG. He also delivered lecture on significance of Vanaraja variety for backyard poultry. During the technical session, Technical Officer (GKMS) Mr. Kaushik Bhagawati briefed on the climate scenario of Arunachal Pradesh in last 38 years and significance of Agromet Advisory Services for better crop and resource planning. Mr. T. Angami, Scientist (Horticulture) stressed on the need of diversified vegetable cultivation for better output and nutrition management. Addressing the issue of soil nutrient management under hill ecosystem, Scientist Agronomy Mr. Badapmain Makdoh gave tips for better identification of nutrient status of the soil and its management by adopting the principle of organic farming. Dr. R.A. Alone, Scientist (Agroforestry) demonstrated the concept of rain water harvesting through ‘*jalkund*’ for life-saving irrigation during dry period keeping in view the climatic variability of the location. Mr. L. Touthang Scientist (Plant Breeding) briefed on need for certified seed for better farming, and significance and role of society in providing quality education for overall development of villages. The importance of fishery in livelihood improvement of village community was addressed by Mr. Rahul Das scientist (aquaculture). At the end of the programme, *kharif* vegetable seeds, spades, feeds and dustbins were distributed among the farmers along with detail packages of practices. The farmers highly appreciated the programme and assured full cooperation.

