

TRAINING PROGRAMME ON “RAPID SOIL HEALTH TESTING KIT”

One day training cum awareness programme on **“Rapid soil health testing kit”** was organized by Soil Sciences (Division of NRM) in collaborations with Social Sciences, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya on 23rd July, 2014. A total of 25 farmers from 4 villages viz., Mawkyrwat, Umsning, Bhoirymbong, Nongthymmai, along with 21 numbers of state government officials comprising DAO (Mawkyrwat), DAO (Nongpoh), Research Officers from Shillong, SDAO (Mairang), including ADO, HDO, SMS, Scientific Officers and Field Assistants from different KVKs and Research Stations participated in the training programme. During the training programme, farmers were provided with practical knowledge regarding collection of soil samples and testing of different soil properties like soil pH, available N,P, K by ICAR Scientists namely Dr. A.K. Tripathi, Dr. B.U. Choudhury, Dr. T. Ramesh, Dr. Manoj Kumar and Dr. B. C. Verma.



The training programme was followed by a farmer-scientist interaction in which instant solutions were provided by the Scientist in response to farmer's queries regarding problems on soil health management including different nutrient deficiencies and their control measures. The programme was recorded by DDK, Shillong under Mass Media Support Scheme for wide publicity.