## KVK, West Garo Hills conducted Skill Training of Rural Youths (STRY) on "Pig Rearing and Management"

One six days skill training programme for rural youths was conducted by ICAR, KVK, Tura, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya on "Pig Rearing and Management" at KVK from 16<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> March. Pig plays an important role in the economy of Garo Hills. Almost every household in Garo Hills rear at least one or two pigs in backyard, but still a wide gap exists between the demand and availability of pork. The state of low productivity is due to the lack of knowledge of the rearers about the scientific management, housing and breeding of pigs. With a small investment on housing, proper feeding and sound disease control programme the rural youths can profitably utilize their time and labour in this subsidiary occupation and thus can help to generate employment. KVK, Tura conducted the training programme in association with State Agricultural Management & Extension Training Institute (SAMETI), Meghalaya and National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad for the rural youths of Garo Hills to make them capable to adopt pig farming as income generating activity. Different lectures were delivered by Dr. Sagarika Bora, KVK, Dr. Eldora Ch Momin, A.H. & Vety. Officer, East Garo Hills, Dr. Donme M. Sangma, A.H. & Vety. Officer, Vigilance Unit, Tura and Dr. Ram Narayan Patel, VAS (Sector Officer), BSF, Dobasipara, Tura during the technical sessions. An exposure visit was done to Pig Breeding Farm, Gindo, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya for practical demonstration of the trainees. Valedictory function was held on 21st March 2019 in presence of Dr. J. Mahanta, SS & Head (I/c), KVK and certificates were distributed among the participants.



Inaugural function of STRY programme



All the participants of STRY programme along with Resource persons



Lecture delivered by Dr. Sagarika Borah



Lecture delivered by Dr. Eldora Ch. Momin



Exposure visit to Pig Breeding Farm, Gindo



Lecture delivered by Dr. Muntha R Marak, Farm I/c



Lecture delivered by Dr. Donme M. Sangma



Distribution of certificates among the trainees