

## **KVK, East Sikkim launched Farm School on Quality Vegetable Seedling Production sponsored under ATMA, East**

In an initiative to promote Farmer-to-Farmer extension for effective and fast transfer of agricultural technology among the farming community; Krishi Vigyan Kendra, ICAR Sikkim Centre, Ranipool, East Sikkim started a **Farm School** on 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 at Nandok Village of East Sikkim on **Quality Vegetable Seedling Production under Low-cost Structure** with the sponsorship of ATMA (East), Deptt. of FS&AD, Govt. of Sikkim. Dr. R. K. Avasthe, Joint Director, ICAR Research Complex, Sikkim Centre highlighted the idea of opening Farm School at the farm and village level and opined that the Farm School would help in developing a cost effective extension system for effective and rapid technology transfer in agriculture and allied field. Highlighting the importance of Farm School, Dr. A. K. Mohanty, Programme Coordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, ICAR Sikkim Centre, Ranipool, East Sikkim pointed out that the Farm Schools on any commodity or enterprise empowers the farmers through *Farmer- to- Farmer extension* where farmer himself will be the Teacher for other farmers. The **Farm School, Nandok** was established in the field of an outstanding award winning farmer of Nandok village **Shri Gokul Rai** as **Farmer-Teacher** who has established a scientific vegetable nursery of more than 50,000 nos. of cole crop seedlings. Miss Pratima, BTM, ATMA (East) explained the Farm School formalities to the farmers comprising of two Self Help Groups (SHG).



Farm School- Inaugural Speech by JD, ICAR



Vegetable Nursery by Gokul Rai