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NAMSAI, Dec 30: A seminar on "Processing & Marketing of Agro Produces – need of the hour" was organized by Arunachal Pradesh Cooperative Agricultural Marketing Federation (APCAMF) at Namsai on Dec 29.

Speaking as the Chief guest of the seminar, Chowna Mein, PHED and Veterinary Minister suggested the federation to enter into activities which will boost up production so that new processing and marketing avenues are created with value addition to the products. He requested the farmers to inculcate professionalism while undertaking any agricultural enterprise. He also requested the

NABARD to render all possible help in this regard.

The guest of honour Nang Sati Mein requested the Veterinary Minister to rejuvenate the "Base Pig Breeding Farm" at Nampoon on PPP (Public Private Partnership) model with that of APCAMF. She also urged upon AHV department to undertake "Backyard Poultry" project so that large nos of women SHGs and BPL families could be benefited. She suggested for formation of a Dairy Co-operative Union in the model of DIMUL of Nagaland.

R. K. Sharma, ADC Namsai speaking as Special Guest emphasized on coordinated efforts of all stake

holders including NABARD, KVK, ATMA & line departments for the cause of the farmers and to make the delivery system more effective. This will automatically enhance the production, processing and marketing of agril commodities in the area. He proposed to form a core committee of stake holder to liaise with NABARD.

Komoli Mossang, chairperson (SWC) winding up the seminar asked all section of the society in general and in particular the Govt machineries to select more women as beneficiaries in Govt schemes..

A 20 point recommendation was forwarded to concern authorities. (Contd. P-3)

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(From P-1) The seminar was attended by 350 participants comprising of eminent personalities, Head of departments, Panchayat leaders, GBs, Farmers and cooperative personnel of various LAMPS/CGS/ co-operatives of the state and conducted under the chairmanship of Komoli Mosang, Chairperson State Women Commission.

Prior to the seminar the "Agro Service Centre of APCAMF" at 2nd mile, Namsai was formally inaugurated by Nang Sati Mein and dedicated the same to the farmer of the locality.

Earlier, A. K. Pasrija, DGM NABARD stressed upon enhancing know how of farmers to increase producing and productivities of agricultural commodities. Debashish Borah, SMS (Agronomy) Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Lohit District emphasized on eliminating middle man during marketing through formation of producer cooperative or commodity interest group. Dr K. Sarmah, Senior Vety. Officer, Lekang highlighted the potential of processing and marketing of dairy and poultry products in the region. He inform that huge amount of money is being siphoned off due to import of egg & milk products.