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Farmers training cum demonstration prog

ITANAGAR, Sept 2: National Research Centre on Yak (ICAR), Dirang in collaboration with its own Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Lohit District conducted a three day farmers training cum Demonstration programme on Integrated farming system from 26-28th August, at Namsai. Several senior officers of the district namely M. Chowlu, PD ATMA Lohit, B. Biswas, SDAO, Namsai, ADF, P. Deb, HDO Namsai, Officers from Fishery dept, Agriculture Dept., SMS of ATMA, Subject Matter Specialists from KVK Lohit were present in the training programme. About 65 farmers from different villages of Namsai sub-division and 22 officers were present in the programme.

The course was coordinated by Dr. U. A. Nandankar, Sr. Technical

Officer, NRC on Yak and Dr. D. Sasmal, SMS (Fisheries), KVK Lohit. In the first day, Dr. Keshab Sarmah, Sr. Vety. Officer trained the farmers about scientific management of cattle in details including breed selection, housing, management, reproduction, care of dairy cattle etc. Dr. D. Sasmal spoke on Integrated paddy cum fish culture, Integrated farming system as a whole.

In the second day Mr. Debasish Borah, Subject Matter Specialist in Agronomy thoroughly discussed about vermicompost production technology, production technology of Sataria grass, Potato, IPM and INM in rice. Mr. Chandramani Singh, SMS (Hort) detailed about cultivation technology of Coconut, Arecanut, Broccoli, Brinjal and other rabi vegetables. In the second session the farm-

ers were taken to Khowji village to show integrated Paddy cum fish cum piggery model developed by KVK in the farmers field. Demonstration on Pond management including liming was also done.

In the last day S. Kumar, SMS (Animal Science) discussed about breed management and management of cattle diseases and Dr. U.A. Nandankar discussed about management of crossbred cattle, AI in cattle. Dr. K. Sharmah discussed about feed and fodder management.

In the farmers scientist interaction programme the farmers took active part where the scientists answered their various questions on different crops, fishery and animals. Programme was concluded with vote of thanks from Dr. D. Sasmal, i/c, P. C. KVK Lohit.