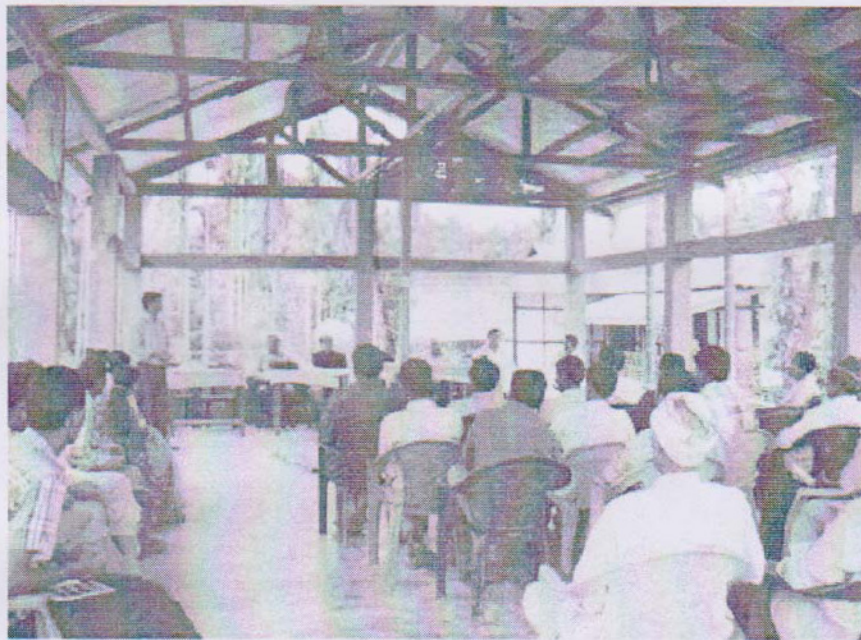


# ECHO OF ARUNACHAL

3rd march, 2015

## Farmers' awareness program conducted



**ITANAGAR, Mar 2:** Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Lohit (Namsai dist) under ICAR - NRC on Yak in collaboration with Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Right Authority, New Delhi conducted two awareness programmes for farmers on Feb 26-27 at Aluban and Barbeel village. A total of 112 farmers from different villages of Namsai sub-division and officers attended the programmes. Dr Debashish Borah, subject matter specialist (agronomy) thoroughly discussed about the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Right Act, 2001. He detailed about the procedure for registration of farmers varieties under Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Right Authority. He also spoke about the possibilities of registration of available varieties of field crops grown by the farmers of the district. Chandramani Singh, SMS (Hort.) detailed about the possibilities of registration of available varieties of horticultural crops grown by the farmers of the district.

Earlier, KVK in-charge programme coordinator Dr D. Sengul while highlighting the importance and objectives of the programme laid emphasis to protect the right of the farmers by protection of indigenous varieties.

Enlightened by the awareness programmes, the farmers present were delighted to enroll some indigenous crop/horticulture varieties under PPV & FR Act, 2001 from Namsai district. In the interaction programme, the farmers took active part where the scientists answered to their various questions on different aspects of registration of varieties with the PPV & FR Authority. If some indigenous crop can be registered then this will be the first approach from KVK under PPV & FR Act, from Namsai district.