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Soil & plant health clinic at Namsai

NAMSAI, Aug 21: In an innovative step, a soil and plant health clinic for farmers has been initiated by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Lohit under ICAR Mission on Yak for the farmers of Namsai district. The first programme started from Chongkham village on Friday. It would be conducted in nine other villages of the district. All the line department heads and senior officers including DAO (Namsai) P Khosla, DHO Sulhir Bhide, DTO cum ATMA PD K Bangyano, ADO (Chongkham circle) G Singh, SHDO (Namsai circle) P Dev and in-charge program coordinator of KVK, Dr Debasis Sasmal attended the programme.

Dr Sasmal narrated details of the programme which consists of four phases: training (at least four times on monthly basis to educate farmers about the disease and insect pest problem) and formation of farmers' club/Kishan Gosthi (50 participants each) in 10 different villages, soil & water testing, farmers-scientists interaction to eradicate the plant health problems, and need based demonstration on diseases and pests.

While the DAO explained the need of promoting organic cultivation in the State, the DHO explained about different schemes of horticulture and need of soil and water testing. PD (ATMA) explained the importance of soil and plant health clinic to reduce the mis-utilization of chemicals and pesticides. DHO, Namsai gave emphasis on proper utilization of fertilizers in time. In the technical session, Ph Chandrasekhar Singh explained about whole procedure of soil collection and soil status. Madhumita Sonowal Bora explained about the insect pests and diseases of different crops like rice, ginger, chilli, citrus etc and also the economics of disease incidence and losses occurred. At the end of programme, chemicals were distributed to the farmers as per their pests and disease problem under demonstration. The villagers actively took part in the session to overcome their problem in various sectors and realized the need of such soil and plant health clinic organized for the first time in the district.