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## Soil and Plant health clinic at Namsai district

ITANAGAR, Aug 22: Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) of Lohit under ICAR-NRC on Yak launched a series of soil and plant health clinic programmes for the farmers of Namsai district yesterday.

The four-phase programme consists of training to educate the farmers about the disease and insect pest problem, formation of farmer's club, soil and water testing, farmer-scientist interaction to eradicate the plant health problems and need based demonstration on diseases and pests, informed Dr. Debasis Sasmal, in-charge Programme Coordinator of the KVK.

The programme of the series was conducted at Chongkham village.

District Agriculture Officer P Khoisia explained the need of organic cultivation in Arunachal Pradesh while DHO Sudhir Bhide explained about different schemes of horticulture and need of soil and water testing. He emphasised on proper and timely utilisation of fertilizers.

DTO cum PDATMA explained the importance of soil and plant health clinic to reduce the mis-utilisation of chemicals and pesticides.

Chongkham ADO G. Singh motivated the farmers for active cooperation and

interaction with the scientists in the training programme.

In the technical session Ph. Chandramani Singh explained the procedures of soil collection and soil status. Insect pests and diseases of different crops like rice, ginger, chilly and citrus fruits etc. were thoroughly explained by the scientists of the KVK during the session.

Chemicals were distributed to the farmers as per their pests and disease problems.

76 farmers attended the technical session.

Similar programme will be conducted in nine other villages of the district.