

Training programme on ‘Resilient jhum cultivation through integrated farming system’ in Wokha

Three days training programme on ‘Resilient jhum cultivation through integrated farming system’ was organized jointly by ICAR Nagaland Centre and KVK Wokha at Mission Centre, Vankhosung, Wokha from 5th to 7th February, 2013. This programme was sponsored by the “Model farming systems for resilient shifting cultivation in Nagaland (TSP)” project widely known as jhum improvement project. All together 45 participants, who are also the students of the theosophical studies at KBES Mission Centre attended this training programme.

The inaugural function was graced by the presence of Shri Shyan, Extra Assistant Commissioner, Wokha; Dr. Moanungsang, Principal, WBC; Dr. Dibyendu Chatterjee, Scientist, Soil Science and PI of the project; and Shri N. Khumdemo Ezung, Programme Co-ordinator (i/c), KVK, Wokha. Dr. Moanungsang in his welcome address expressed his heartfelt thanks to ICAR for organizing such programme for the young spiritual leaders of the future who will go to the corner of the villages and help the poor farmers. Shri Shyan also expressed his gratitude for organizing this programme in Wokha. Dr Chatterjee informed the gathering about the harmful and beneficial effects of jhuming. He also highlighted the programme, which is constituted with 2 days lecture and one day field visit to SARS for getting first hand information on SARS series of *jhum* rice.

A team from ICAR Nagaland Centre and KVK Dimapur constituting Dr. D. Chatterjee, Dr. M. K. Patra, Dr. A. Thirugnanavel, and Shri Z. James Kikon enlighten the young participants in their respective fields. Besides, the subject matter specialists Shri N. K. Ezung, Mrs. Megokhono Meyase, Dr. H. Moakum Sangtam, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Ray, Mrs. Bengla Imsong, and programme assistant Ms. Lireni Kikon from KVK Wokha delivered their thoughts. The trainees gained the knowledge of models for resilient shifting cultivation, scientific inclusion of horticultural and animal components in jhum, suitable varieties, conservation technologies, management of pests, and restoration of abandoned jhum.



Trainees and resource persons at Mission centre, Vankhosung



Trainees during the programme