

**“Reports on Farmers’ Awareness Programme on
Agro-met Advisory Services”**

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A one day Farmers Awareness Programme on Agromet Advisories Services” was organised by DAMU project under KVK Namsai on 6th June, 2019 at KVK Office Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh. The programme was attended by a total number of 118 participants involving State Agriculture and Allied Department officials and progressive farmers from different block of the district. The programme began with the felicitation of the dignitaries with a memento. The programme was chaired by Prof. V.K. Kawatra, Vice Chancellor, AAU, Namsai, Shri J.K. Jawal, ADF, and Dr. R.D. Jindal, DVO Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, as Guest of Honour, Dr. H. Kalita, Joint Director, AP, Centre Basar, Dr. Manish Kanwat, Senior Scientist, KVK Namsai, Programme Convener. Dr. H. Kalita delivered the welcome address and emphasized that farmers as well as state officials to be attentive in the programme.

The programme was successfully done with active participation from different district level officer from Agriculture, Horticulture, Fishery and veterinary department from different state agriculture and allied department of Arunachal Pradesh from Lohit, Roing, Chanlang, Tirap, Ionding. The programme was also attended with G.T. Behere, Senior Scientist, Department of Entomology, ICAR-RC NEH Region, Umiam, Meghalaya and Dr. Ampee Tasung, Scientist , Soil science, ICAR RC NEH Region Basar.

In technical session, Ms. Bidyapati Ngangom SMS (Agrometeorology) KVK Namsai delivered a lecture about Agromet Advisories Services. She gave a short introductory lecture about what is Agro met Advisories services and salient features of weather based farm advisories service. She discussed about objectives of Agromet Advisories services and its importance or significance of weather forecast in agriculture. She mentioned about the effect of adverse weather on crop cultivation and contingency planning to reduce the loss due to adverse weather. She highlighted about the advantages of weather forecast in crop planning and as well as useful of weather forecast. Then she talked about development and establishment of DAMU, and how it will be helpful to the farmers at village level for the district. She also mentioned the number of existing AMFU and the next plan to increase the number of AMFU and DAMU to support district/ block level advisory in the coming years. She discussed about the dissemination of Agro-advisory through state agriculture department, media, SMS etc.

Besides Agriculture she also discussed how weather parameters related to the dairy, egg and meat production by cattle and poultry birds.

There was an interaction of farmers with SMSs of KVK and resources person. There were several questions raised by farmers with respect to crop production techniques from sowing to harvest, animals husbandry and agro-advisory services. It was a very fruitful discussion with active participation of the farmers that led to a smooth flow of information and knowledge.

After farmer's interaction with Subject matter specialist and resource person, lunch programme was arranged for farmers and staffs at the institute.







Technical session



Farmer's interaction with Subject Matte Specialist and resources person



Group photo of the participants