

Awareness cum Interaction Programme on “Jhum Improvement”

Two days Awareness cum Interaction Programme on “Jhum Improvement” under NICRA was held during 27th – 28th December, 2012 at ICAR Research Complex, Umiam. Dr. N. S. Azad Thakur In charge Director and Chief Guest of the inaugural programme asked the hill farmers for adopting possible soil and water conservation measures in their jhum fields which will minimise the loss to the natural resources and enhance the productivity. Dr. A. Venkatesh, Coordinator of the programme briefed about the scope of integrated farming systems and climate adaptation strategies.

Thirty eight farmers (21: Male; 17: Female) from Sonidan, Nongkya and Khatweimer were participated. The farmers were exposed to various experimental models and practices by the experts concerned viz., Integrated farming systems (Dr. A.K. Gogoi & Dr. A.S. Pawar), Agroforestry interventions (Dr. A. Venkatesh), Deep litter pig husbandry (Dr. G. Kadirvel), Zero tillage pea and lentil cultivation (Dr. Jayanta Layek), Land use models for Hill Slope (Dr. Anup Das), Vegetable cultivation (Dr. Anjani Jha), Organic farming (Dr. Manoj Kumar).

Scientist-Jhum farmer’s interaction meet was also arranged in the concluding session to clarify the doubts / problems faced by the farmers and to get the feedback from them.

