

SUCCESSFUL AND ENCOURAGING VISIT OF FARMERS' FIELD BY KVK WEST SIANG

A field visit by Shri A. Kirankumar Singh, i/c Programme Coordinator, KVK West Siang along with Shri Nyali Basar to farmers' field was conducted on 30th July at Deke Village under Tirbin circle where the different farming activities are going on. During the visit Shri Singh interacted with Shri Gome Gadi, Smt Yabin Gadi and Shri Yomyo Kamum in details. In the process of interaction, they expressed that the farming is the main source of their livelihood on which they depend their families. After the interaction Shri Singh visited the whole fields where different crops are grown and found that they are growing different crops of exhaustive nature together like ginger, tapioca, maize, orange, colocasia etc. He suggested them to grow different crops of exhaustive nature with leguminous crops like soybean, arhar, groundnut, frenchbean, cowpea as intercrop or as mixed crop in their fields to maintain the fertility status of the soil. Further, he suggested to take up the diversified farming for sustainable production of the crops. However, Shri Singh expressed his satisfaction that they have taken up the soil conservation measures by staking the bamboos across the slope to retain the soil in the form of small terrace and he was impressed with the system of plantation of arhar in between the rows of ginger. One more encouraging thing was found in Shri Gome Gadi's field that there was some plantations of Neem tree nearby the cropped area which serves as the insect repellent crop. He further expressed that the cultivation of tomato under low cost polyhouse is going to be taken up during the next month. Shri Singh suggested to use the neem leaves as bio-pesticide by crushing and mixing with water in proper proportion to control the insects in his field. He has expressed his support for the construction of low cost polyhouse for cultivating tomato round the year to get handsome income round the year. Shri Singh further visited the rice fields where the drainage from the piggery farm is directly connected and observed the difference in growth and development of the plants. He further suggested to use the excreta of the piggery farm properly for the fertilisation purpose of the paddy field by distributing uniformly into the whole plots to maintain the fertility of the cropped area or by collecting the excreta in a pit and let it decompose properly and use the compose in his field for uniform manuring. He also suggested them to use the crop residues as organic manure as well as organic mulch to retain the soil moisture in their field itself. Lastly, Shri Singh has suggested for adoption of scientific farming system with the technical and logistic support from the KVK West Siang and the ICAR, A. P. Centre, Basar for making their farming activities more remunerative.

