

KVK RI-BHOI CELEBRATED SWACCHATA PAKHWARA PROGRAMME

16-31st October, 2016

To mark the occasion of Swacchata Pakhwara several programmes were organised by KVK Ri-Bhoi during 16-31st October, 2016. Awareness cum training programme on Swacchata Pakhwara was organised by KVK Ri-Bhoi at RCLP School, Liarkhla on 26th Oct 2016. The programme was attended by 45 nos. of farmers from the 5 adopted villages of Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav (viz. Liarkhla, Mawbri, Thadnongiaiw, Khweng, and Kdonghulu) and 40 nos. of school children from RCLP School, Liarkhla. During the programme, Smti. Plenty Makri, Vice-President B. J. P. Mahila Marcha, Ri-Bhoi district was felicitated & helped to translate the activities in khasi to the children and farmers participated. Dr. Mokidul Islam, Programme Coordinator in his speech elaborated about Swacchata Pakhwara and its importance as well as the duties of each individual to maintain Swacchata (cleanliness) of the Country and devote atleast 100 hours in a year. All the participants took the Swacchata pledge. After the Swacchata pledge, a cleaning drive of the Surroundings of school and villages was also conducted. A training programme on compost & vermicomposting was also organised wherein importance of composting & vermicomposting and their importance in maintaining Swacchata were told to the farmers & childrens. A small demonstration on compost laying was also shown to the farmers after the training. About 45 numbers of Soil Health Card was distributed to farmers to make clean and healthy agricultural practices in their villages.

On the 27th Oct 2016 a Swacchata Pakhwara Celebration Programme was organised by KVK, Ri-Bhoi in collaboration with ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region Umiam at M.S. Swaminathan Auditorium. The programme was attended by a total of 200 numbers including the ICAR scientist and 60 numbers of farmers from 5 villages of Ri-Bhoi district. Dr. Satish Chandra, PS and Head, in his speech welcomed all the dignitaries as well as all the participants of the programme. The Chief Guest of the programme Dr. D.D. Lapang, Former Chief Minister & present Chief Advisor to Govt. of Meghalaya, shared his happiness for being a part of such programme and told details on history of Mahatma Gandhi in his speech. Guest of Honour, Ms. Hui-Shung (Christie) Chang, Institute of Rural Future, Australia express her happiness on the initiative undertaken by ICAR, Umiam and KVK Ri Bhoi for initiatives taken in the field of clean agriculture.

Dr. S. V. Ngachan, Director, ICAR Umiam give a brief description of Swacchata Pakhwara and its relevance to the current scenario of agriculture. Dr. A. K. Tripathi, Nodal Officer of KVKs, give a brief description of all activities that was conducted by ICAR Umiam. A prize distribution ceremony was also organised for the various competition conducted by ICAR during the Swacchata Pakhwara (16th -31st Oct 2016). The programme concluded with the vote of thanks by Dr. Mokidul Islam, Programme Coordinator, KVK Ri-Bhoi wherein he thanked all the dignatories for their comments and suggestions as well as the participants as well as organisers. The whole programme was covered by DDK Shillong & DIPR Shillong.

After the programme DDK Shillong & DIPR Shillong took interview of Programme Coordinator & farmers on Swacchata Abhiyan.



Fig:1. Programme Coordinator elaborating on Swacchata Pakhwara



Fig:2. Training on composting and vermicomposting



Fig: 3. Distribution of Soil Health Card to farmers



Fig. 4. Demonstration on Composting



Fig. 5. Demonstration on Vermicomposting



Fig: 6. Participants of the Swacchata Pakhwara Programme at Liarkhla Village



Fig: 7. Dr. D.D. Lapang, Hon'ble Ex- CM & Present Chief Advisor to Govt. Of Meghalaya addressing the gathering as Chief Guest



Fig: 8. Dr. S.V. Ngachan, Director, ICAR, Umiam addressing the gathering



Fig. 9. Ms Hui Shung (Christie) Chang, Institute of Rural Future, Australia addressing the gathering



Fig: 10. Dr. Mokidul Islam, PC, KVK Ri-Bhoi giving interview on Swacchata Pakhwara programme to DDK Shillong



Fig: 11. Farmers view about the programme organized by KVK Ri-Bhoi



Fig:12. Farmers, scientist & staff of ICAR & KVK Ri-Bhoi in the programme



Fig: 13. Farmers –Scientist Interaction covered by DDK Shillong on 27.10.2016



Fig:14 Cleaning drive in KVK Office & Library