## ICAR- KVK, West Garo Hills conducted "SANKALP SE SIDDHI-New India Movement (2017-2022)" Programme on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017

ICAR- KVK, West Garo Hills conducted SANKALP SE SIDDHI- New India Movement (2017-2022)" in collaboration with College of Home Sc., CAU, Tura on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017 with the gracious presence of Shri Noverfield R. Marak, Honorable MLA & Parliamentary Secretary, PHE, Urban Affairs etc., Meghalaya as Chief Guest. The programme was started with the lighting of lamp by Chief Guest and playing of ICAR theme song. Dr. Anurag Chaturvedi, Dean, College of Home Sc., CAU, Tura addressed the gatherings with a welcome note and urged her happiness for being the part of this programme. She requested the farmers to attend training programmes on post harvest and value addition organized by their college. Shri A.S.Singh, Senior Scientist & Head (I/C), KVK, West Garo Hills explained the goal and objectives of Sankalp Se Siddhi programme and encourage the farmers to take the benefits of the new technologies for doubling of their income for livelihood improvement and nutritional security.

Shri Merril Sangma, SDAO, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya, invited as an expert, delivered his speech on increasing agricultural production through improved variety of seeds, planting materials, soil testing and organic input production. He also stressed the farmers for adopting crop insurance so as to compensate the crop damage due to natural calamities and vagaries of weather.

Another expert, Shri Roger D. Marak, Superintendent of Fisheries, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya emphasized on the pond based farming and other integrated agricultural systems for increasing income of farmers.

The Chief Guest, Shri Noverfield R. Marak urged the farmers for effective and judicious use of water with the slogan of Dr. M.S.Swaminathan 'More crop Per Drop' and to avail the different Governmental Schemes for their upliftment and security. He also appreciated the ICAR, KVK, West Garo Hills and College of Home Science, CAU, Tura for their role in Garo Hills in transfer of new technologies to the farmers' field.

After the Chief Guest speech, Pledge for "building a New India by 2022" was taken by all the participants of the programme. The same pledge was also taken in local language (Garo) for easy understanding by the farmers. Then, the Agriculture Kisan video provided by the ICAR, New Delhi was played.

About 138 famers from different villages of West Garo Hills, Meghalaya and officials from line departments' viz. DTO, DAO, DHO, IFAD, RO, DVO, NABARD, ATMA, SWC and all the Head of Departments and faculties, College of Home Science, CAU, Tura were present in the programme. The whole programme was covered by DDK and All India Radio, Tura. The programme was ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Pushpita Das, Associate Professor, Department of Extension and Communication Management, College of Home Science, CAU, Tura.



Fig. Dignitaries on the dais



Fig. Speech delivered by Chief Guest





Fig. Pledge taking by dignitaries and participants





Fig. Playing of Agriculture Kisan Video