

Saviour of Local Landraces and Germplasm of Anjaw District

Anjaw district is blessed with natural fauna, flora and endangered medicinal plants and local landraces of different crops which have unique characteristics. Anjaw district is also known as biodiversity hotspot where many landraces, local seeds and traits are yet to be identified by the Scientist of ICAR and KVKs. KVK Anjaw has put their efforts in this direction since establishment to collect, identify and conserve the locally available landraces viz, millets, pulses, cereal, tuber crops, leafy vegetables, oilseeds and medicinal plants from almost all the blocks of Anjaw district. In this context, NBPGR and Anjaw has put their efforts jointly and collected more than 174 local germplasm of different crops for conservation and identification. During this germplasm collection survey, team of KVK Anjaw and NBPGR, New Delhi has found Mrs. Dadangmai Manyu where she is putting their individual efforts as a farmer to save and conserve their local germplasm for future use. KVK Scientist has visited her farm and found that she has collected number of varieties of crops for their own use. She also involved in making of indigenous handloom viz, Showl, muffler, coat, scarf etc. from weedy plant which is locally named as Chuaam from which she received a good amount of income. Mrs. Manyu has shown the path for all tribal communities to conserve their local plants, landraces for further future uses of mankind. Many departments and organization appreciated her efforts for saving and conserving the local landraces for future generation.

