

### **Piggery Farmers Group and Scientist Discussion held at Chungthang, North Sikkim**

The North District of Sikkim especially Chungthang sub-division has sizable population of workers from different organization like Border Road Organization, Hydropower Project, Indo-Tibetan Border Police and Indian Army *etc.* that generate huge amount of kitchen waste and additionally the area grows considerable amount of tuber crops. All these conditions are conducive for pig rearing as these wastes can be effectively converted into high quality animal protein. After perceiving the potential of pig farming, Dr. Brijesh Kumar, Scientist, ICAR-National Organic Farming Research Institute and Dr. P. K. Pathak, Subject Matter Specialist, ICAR-KVK, East Sikkim inspected the spot and selected 10 beneficiaries for pig production of Theng and Pengong of Chungthang sub-division on February 11, 2017. Training on swill feeding of pig and construction of deep litter housing model for pig production was also imparted and ensured the farmers that after completion of pig sties, ICAR-NOFRI will provide two piglets to each selected beneficiary under the Tribal Sub Plan. The program was facilitated by Dr. Sonam Dicky Lepcha, Veterinary Officer, Chungthang sub-division, North Sikkim.



Group photographs with tribal beneficiary of Theng, North Sikkim