

Farmers Fair-cum-Exhibition

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Phek (ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun), Medziphema, under ICAR ATARI Zone VII, Umiam, organized a Farmers Fair-cum-Exhibition on March 19, 2025. The programme commenced with the inauguration of exhibition stalls by the Chief Guest, Shri John Tsulise Sangtam, Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Nagaland, along with other esteemed delegates. Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Senior Scientist and Head, welcomed the gathering, felicitated all the guests, and briefly highlighted the activities and achievements of KVK, Phek. Dr. Pritipal Kaur, Superintendent of Police, Phek, Nagaland, graced the programme as a Special Guest and actively interacted with the farmers, encouraging them to adopt various technologies and develop market linkages to achieve a higher demand for their products. Professor A. C. Varshney, Former Vice Chancellor, DUVASU, Mathura, UP, attended the programme as a Special Guest and shared his expertise on integrated farming systems. He suggested that farmers grow trees along their field boundaries to generate additional revenue. Dr. A. S. Panwar, Former Director, ICAR-IIFSR, Modipuram, graced the programme as Guest of Honor. He appreciated KVK's efforts in developing the farming community and suggested implementing natural farming as a village-level concept. He also emphasized the role of honey bees in increasing crop yield. Dr. Girish Patil, Senior Director, ICAR-NRC on Mithun, Nagaland, highlighted the achievements of KVK and the certification of natural farming for the Phek district. He emphasized that such certification would help farmers secure better market opportunities and increase their profits.

Chief Guest Shri John Tsulise Sangtam, Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Nagaland, applauded the activities of KVK and the contributions of the district's farmers. He encouraged farmers to be innovative and work collaboratively to achieve success. He also urged the line departments to work in convergence mode for the upliftment of the farming community in the district.

Following this, farmers shared their experiences and acknowledged the benefits of KVK initiatives in the district. The dignitaries on the dais also released publications, a video on the Zabo farming system, and vegetable seed kits developed by KVK, Phek. More than 200 farmers from different parts of the district attended the programme. To support their farming endeavors, vegetable seed kits were distributed to all participating farmers. The programme was successfully coordinated by Dr. Hannah K. Asangla, Chief Technical Officer, Agronomy, KVK,

Phek, and Dr. T. Esther Longkumer, Chief Technical Officer, Soil Science, KVK, Phek, who also delivered the vote of thanks.

