

## **Awareness-cum-Seed Distribution Programme under the Nutri-Sensitive Agricultural Resources and Innovations (NARI)**

ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Phek (ICAR-National Research Centre on Mithun (NRCM), Medziphema) under ICAR-ATARI Zone VII, Umiam, organized one-day training program on climate-resilient technologies under the NICRA project on March 6, 2025. The program, attended by farmers from K. Basa, Thipuzu, Phusachodu, Kikruma, and Pfutseromi villages, aimed to enhance their knowledge and skills in adopting climate-resilient agricultural practices. The program commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Singh, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Phek. This was followed by a series of lectures on livestock, horticulture, and agriculture.

In the first technical session, Dr. Esther T Longkumer, CTO-Soil Science, emphasized the importance of soil health management, while Dr. Hannah K Asangla, CTO-Agronomy, delivered a lecture on climate-resilient crops and Mr. Manjunath K S, SMS-Horticulture, on detailed cultivation practices of Amaranthus. The second technical session featured presentations by Dr. Sharanappa C H, SMS-Plant Protection, on managing major pests of crops. Dr. Harini K R, SMS-Animal Science, provided insights into pig production and management, while Dr. Ragulraj, STO, NRCM, highlighted the benefits of backyard poultry farming. Er. Nukusa T Vadeo, STO-Computer, explained the registration process for the M-ANITRA app, a digital platform for Mithun farmers. The program concluded with a farmers-scientist interaction, providing a platform for farmers to address their concerns and seek solutions to problems faced in agriculture and livestock sectors.

