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## ICAR - KVK PHEK NEWSLETTER 2025



It gives me immense pleasure to present the ICAR–Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Phek Newsletter (January–June 2025), highlighting the major activities, achievements, and outreach initiatives undertaken during the first half of the year.

The period has been marked by significant progress in strengthening the agricultural livelihood of farmers through technology dissemination, capacity building, demonstration programmes, and close collaboration with various ICAR institutes, State Departments, NGOs, and other stakeholders. The successful implementation of the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) across all villages of Phek and Meluri districts, organization of the Farmers Fair-cum-Exhibition, Mithun Mahotsav & Agri-Business Summit, scientific advisory meetings, and numerous training and awareness programmes reflect our commitment to transforming agriculture through innovation, sustainability, and farmer-centric approaches.

The newsletter highlights our efforts in promoting natural farming, integrated farming systems, climate-resilient agriculture, plant genetic resource conservation, livestock development, and farmer skill enhancement. These initiatives have helped strengthen farmers' knowledge, improve productivity, and support sustainable livelihoods.

I sincerely thank our KVK team, collaborating organizations, and progressive farmers for their dedicated support and valuable contributions. Together, we remain committed to advancing sustainable agriculture and realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. I hope this newsletter serves as a useful source of information and encourages continued collaboration for the development of agriculture and the welfare of the farming community.



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## VIKSIT KRISHI SANKALPABHIYAN (VKSA) (29<sup>th</sup> May to 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025)

ICAR–KVK Phek launched the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) on 29th May at the Phek Town Council Hall. The launching programme was graced by Dr. Neisatuo Mero, Hon'ble MLA, 16-Pfutsero A/C, Phek, and Mr. Rhosietho Nguori, Deputy Commissioner, Phek. The nationwide campaign, initiated under the visionary leadership of Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, aims to empower farmers through increased awareness of improved agricultural technologies, newly released crop varieties, government flagship schemes, and farmer-led innovations. As part of the VKSA Yatra, the programme successfully covered all 109 villages across Phek and Meluri subdivisions, reaching a total of 9,305 participants (5,606 males and 3,699 females), thereby ensuring extensive outreach and active participation of the farming community in the mission towards “Viksit Bharat @2047.



## SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) MEETING

KVK Phek organized the XXth Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting on 13 February 2025 to review annual progress and plan future strategies for agriculture in Phek district. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Girish Patil, Director, NRC on Key discussions focused on commercial and sustainable farming, integrated farming systems, jhum and fodder cultivation, and model village development with NGOs and SHGs. Dr. A.K. Mohanty, Director, ICAR–ATARI Zone VII, joined virtually and stressed the introduction of high-yielding varieties and location-specific technologies. Representatives from line departments, NGOs, banking institutions, farmer members, and Doordarshan Kendra also participated and shared valuable inputs for strengthening KVK activities.



## FARMERS FAIR - CUM - EXHIBITION : PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

KVK, Phek organized a Farmers Fair-cum-Exhibition on March 19th, 2025, which was inaugurated by the Chief Guest, Shri John Tsulise Sangtam, Deputy Commissioner, Phek, Nagaland, along with other dignitaries. The programme was graced by Dr. Pritipal Kaur, Superintendent of Police, Phek, Prof. A. C. Varshney, Former Vice Chancellor, DUVASU, Mathura, and Dr. A. S. Panwar, Former Director, ICAR-IIFSR, Modipuram, who shared valuable insights on integrated and natural farming, boundary plantation, and the role of honey bees in enhancing crop yields. Dr. Girish Patil, Senior Director, ICAR-NRC on Mithun, emphasized the importance of natural farming certification for Phek district to improve market access and farmers' income.



## MITHUN MAHOTSAV & AGRI-BUSINESS SUMMIT FOR VIKSIT BHARAT @2047

Mithun Mahotsav & Agri-Business Summit for Viksit Bharat @2047 was held on 26th June 2025 at the Village Ground, Porba, Phek, Nagaland, in collaboration with ICAR-NRC on Mithun, Medziphema, Nagaland. The event was graced by Shri Mhathung Yanthan, Hon'ble Advisor for Agriculture, Government of Nagaland, as the Chief Guest, and Dr. Neisatuo Mero, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Government of Nagaland, as the Distinguished Guest. The Special Guests included Shri Wezope Kenye, IAS, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Government of Nagaland, and Dr. C. Chattopadhyay, Former Vice Chancellor, UBKV, Cooch Behar, West Bengal. The Guests of Honour were Dr. B. M. Sunep Imchen, Director, AH & VS, Government of Nagaland; Shri Sanuzo Nienu, Director of Agriculture, Government of Nagaland; and Dr. Kishore K. Baruah, Member, ICAR General Body. The event was chaired by Dr. Girish Patil S., Director, ICAR-NRC on Mithun, Nagaland.



## EXTENSION ACTIVITIES



A capacity building programme on hygienic slaughtering of pig and poultry was conducted on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025, sponsored by ICAR–National Meat Research Institute, Hyderabad. Dr. C. Ramakrishna, Principal Scientist, NMRI, served as the resource person.



ICAR–National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), New Delhi, organized a Plant Genetic Resources awareness programme in collaboration with ICAR–KVK Phek at Hetika village on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and at Meluri village on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025.



A six-day capacity building programme on Sustainable Agricultural Practices was conducted from 3<sup>rd</sup> –8<sup>th</sup> February 2025, focusing on sustainable farming methods for improved livelihoods. The programme was sponsored by ICAR–Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan (VPKAS), Almora.



**Awareness programme on integrated fodder and livestock management for enhanced farmer income and sustainability was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025, sponsored by ICAR–Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute.**



**A six-day capacity-building programme on “Sustainable Livestock and Fodder Management: A Pathway to Food Security, Climate Resilience, and Rural Prosperity” was conducted from 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025 at Zapami village, Phek district, Nagaland. The programme was sponsored by the ICAR–Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi.**



**A Kisan Samman Samaroh was organized along with the live webcast of the release of the 19<sup>th</sup> instalment of the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**



**An awareness-cum-seed distribution programme under the Nutri-Sensitive Agricultural Resources and Innovations (NARI) initiative on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**



**Conducted a training programme on “Scientific Livestock Management for Sustainable Production” on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at Chizami village.**



**Conducted a training programme on climate-resilient technologies under the NICRA project on 6 March 2025.**



**A five-day training programme on Plant Genetic Resources (PGR) conservation awareness and mushroom cultivation entrepreneurship development was conducted from 10<sup>th</sup> –14<sup>th</sup> March 2025, sponsored by ICAR–NBPGR, New Delhi.**



**Conducted a training program on Integrated Farming system under the NICRA project on March 17th, 2025.**



**A two-day awareness programme and demonstration on fodder cultivation for livestock was conducted on 25th and 26th March 2025 at Zapami village, sponsored by ICAR–Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (IGFRI), Jhansi.**



A training-cum-demonstration and awareness programme on the importance of soybean was conducted in four villages—Porba, Yoruba, Lanye, and Meluri—from 26<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025, sponsored by ICAR–National Soybean Research Institute, Indore, Madhya Pradesh.



Training on livestock management was conducted on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at Zapami village and was sponsored by ICAR–IGFRI, Jhansi; ICAR–CIRC, Meerut; and ICAR–NDRI, Karnal.



A Krishi Mela was conducted for NICRA-adopted farmers from Kikruma, Pfutseromi, K. Basa, Phusachadu and Thipuzu villages of Phek district on 11 April 2025.



A training programme on “Productive and Sustainable Agriculture under Natural Farming” was conducted on 23 April 2025 at Kukheqwo village, Meluri district.



A training programme on “Productive and Sustainable Agriculture under Natural Farming” was conducted on 25th April 2025 for the farmers of Dzulhami village.

## HRD PROGRAMME



HRD Programme conducted for strengthening climate smart agriculture in Phek district on 9th April 2025 for the officials from Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary, ATMA, Soil Conservation departments.



*Performance of Cucumber varieties under Low-Cost Polyhouse*



*Performance of Improved Chilli hybrids in Phek District*

## SWACHHTA EVENTS ORGANIZED



*Swachhata programme conducted for cleanliness drive on March 25th, 2025, at GHS Sakraba and GHS Porba.*

## EXHIBITIONS/ KRISHI MELAS/ FARMERS FAIR



*Participated in the 2nd Edition Nagaland Potato Festival 2025 held on May 9th, 2025, at Jakhama Local ground, Nagaland.*

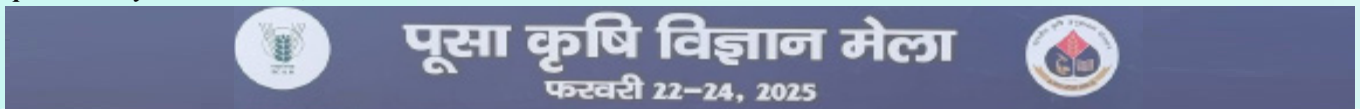
## EXPOSURE VISIT OF FARMERS



**An exposure visit to KVK Ri-Bhoi Farm, ICAR–NBPGR Regional Centre, Umiam; ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam; ICAR–CPRI Regional Station, Upper Shillong; KVK East Khasi Hills Farm, Upper Shillong; ICAR–NRC on Pig, Rani; and ICAR–CIFRI, Guwahati from 17th to 21st March 2025 for farmers of Phek District under NICRA.**



**A one day exposure visit to Nagaland Livestock Development Board (NLDB), Lerie, Kohima on 21st of March 2025, sponsored by ICAR-IGFRI, Jhansi.**



**An exposure tour was organized for farmers of Phek district to ICAR–IARI, New Delhi, to witness the Pusa Krishi Mela–2025 from 22nd to 24th February 2025.**

## AWARDS/HONOURS/RECOGNITIONS



*Farmer from Phek received IARI Innovative Farmer Award*



*Celebration of International Women's Day*



*Celebration of 11th International Yoga Day*

## SEMINAR/ SYMPOSIUM ATTENDED



*Attended the 3rd International Agro-Biodiversity Congress in Kunming, China.*



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