

ICAR-ATARI Kolkata organized NICRA Field visit at Paiyong Busty, Kalimpong

Kolkata, 12.06.2023: ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Kolkata organized field visit of National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA)-TDC Project at Paiyong Busty, Kalimpong on June 7, 2023.

Mr. Ruden Saga Lepcha, Member of Legislative Assembly, Kalimpong West Bengal urged upon on rain water harvesting for cultivation and domestic purposes. He emphasized to develop various enterprises like fish preparation, pig cultivation, mandarin cultivation for improving livelihood security of farmers and farm women of the hill zone. He mentioned that there is need of exposure visit of the poor farmers of the village may be conducted to different KVKs preferably Cooch Behar KVK for encouraging farmers to scale up their farming intervention

Dr. H K Senapati, Chairman, NICRA Zonal Monitoring Committee overwelms with the activities on *Jalkund*, mandarin rejuvenation, mushroom cultivation, trout fish cultivation in the remote villages of Kalimpong. He stressed upon the judicious use of natural resources towards sustainability.

Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-ATARI Kolkata has stated that conservation agriculture has a huge importance in the scenario of climate changes and advocated to link production system to market intelligence for better profitability. He also mentioned that meteorological data of the village should be taken up before making agricultural operation.

Dr. Krisnendu Das, DDG (NRM) Nominee of NICRA Zonal Monitoring Committee about the precedented gradual increase of global temperature and its related consequences. He mentioned that NICRA-KVKs should take intensive care towards nurturing the interventions against climatic vulnerability and upscaling the related technologies.

Earlier, Dr. F H Rahman, Principal Scientist-cum-Nodal Officer of the project appreciated the role of all Kalimpong KVK in disseminating the climate resilient technologies in respect of different modules *viz.* NRM, Crop Production, Livestock & Fisheries and Institutional Intervention among the famers of the Paiyong Busty, Kalimpong Paiyong Busty so far in combating the climate adversities upon agriculture and allied sectors. Dr Rahman suggested multi-tier cropping may be introduced in NICRA village.

Prof. Prabhat Kumar Pal, DEE, UBKV, Prof. T.S. Ghimiray, Prof. S Ali, RRS (HZ), UBKV and Head of Kalimpong KVK, VCRM members and around 50 farmers were present in the field visit.

