

Press Release From Agriculture Department, Yangang, Namchi District

Yangang, October 26: Agriculture Department conducted Khet Bachao Abhiyan today at the Karung Agriculture Office, Sripatam Gagyong GPU.

The programme was attended by Shri D.R. Gurung, Panchayat President; Shri Nimu Lepcha, Panchayat Member; Shri Indra Prasad Shivakoti, Senior Scientist and Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Namthang; Dr. Hemant Ghemeray, Deputy Director, Horticulture; Ms. Florenz Bhutia, Agriculture Development Officer (ADO); Mr. Surendra Limboo, Agriculture Technology Manager (ATM); and other officials of the Department.

The programme commenced with a welcome address by Mr. Surendra Limboo.

Addressing the gathering, Ms. Florenz Bhutia highlighted the objectives and significance of Khet Bachao Abhiyan, emphasising the importance of maintaining soil health and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. She elaborated on the concepts of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), highlighting their relevance in maintaining ecological balance and ensuring sustainable crop production. She also briefed the farmers on various departmental schemes, biofertilisers, and agricultural inputs provided by the Department to support farming activities.

Shri Indra Prasad Shivakoti, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Namthang, elaborated on the mandate and role of KVK in disseminating scientific agricultural technologies and providing need-based technical support to the farming community. He emphasised the importance of soil health management, efficient utilisation of water resources, and the adoption of scientific and sustainable agricultural practices to improve farm productivity and ensure long-term agricultural sustainability.

Dr. Hemant Ghemeray, Deputy Director, Horticulture, highlighted the various initiatives undertaken by the Department to support farmers. He also interacted with the participants, addressing their queries and clarifying their concerns regarding agricultural practices and departmental interventions.

Shri D.R. Gurung, Panchayat President, encouraged the farming community to actively participate in initiatives aimed at strengthening the agricultural sector.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Tar Tshering Lepcha, Marketing Assistant. The programme was followed by the distribution of agricultural inputs to the farmers.

The programme was hosted by Ms. Suk Rani Limboo, Marketing Assistant