

Press Release from ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hill Region, Sikkim Centre
ICAR NEH Organizes Farmer–Scientist Interaction at Kussong village of Upper Dzongu under Khet Bachao
Abhiyan of Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav initiative
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ICAR Research Complex for North Eastern Hill Region, Sikkim Centre, organized a Farmer–Scientist Interaction Programme at Kussong (TSP-adopted village), Mangan District, under the Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav (MGMG) programme and Khet Bachao Abhiyan on 28th June 2026. The programme was attended by 17 farmers and focused on promoting sustainable agricultural practices, efficient resource management, and climate-resilient farming systems in the hill ecosystem.

The programme was led by Dr. Ashok Kumar, Head of Regional Centre (HoRC), along with Dr. Saurav Saha, Senior Scientist (Agricultural Physics). Addressing the gathering, Dr. Ashok Kumar emphasized the importance of adopting improved agricultural technologies, integrated farming approaches, and resource-conserving practices to enhance farm productivity and strengthen rural livelihoods. He encouraged farmers to make effective use of scientific interventions for sustainable agricultural development.

During the technical session, Dr. Saurav Saha highlighted the benefits of mulching for soil moisture conservation, weed management, and improved soil health. He also discussed the efficient utilization of organic resources and their role in sustaining crop productivity. He stressed on technical guidance on improved vegetable cultivation practices, nursery management, and the use of quality planting materials for achieving higher yields and better-quality produce. Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), emphasizing the balanced use of organic manures, compost, biofertilizers, and green manure for maintaining soil fertility and enhancing crop performance.

A field visit was conducted to assess crop conditions and interact directly with farmers. Based on field observations, location-specific recommendations were provided on crop management, nutrient use, moisture conservation, and sustainable farming practices. The programme concluded with an interactive discussion session, during which farmers shared their experiences and sought solutions to local agricultural challenges. The scientists assured continued technical support and guidance through the MGMG programme and Khet Bachao Abhiyan.