

## *Awareness cum Training programme on “Safe and Judicious Use of Pesticides”*

One day on-campus awareness cum training programme on “*Safe and Judicious Use of Pesticides*” was organised by HIL (INDIA) Ltd in collaboration with KVK Dimapur, ICAR Nagaland Centre at KVK Dimapur campus on 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2024. Chief Guest of the programme, Shri. James Swu, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Medziphema, Govt. of Nagaland in his address apprised the farmer to use pesticides judiciously and to apply practically in their field whatever is learned from the training programme. Dr. H. Kalita, Head of Regional Centre, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Nagaland Centre in his address briefed the farmers on different types of pesticides available for agriculture use. He urged the farmers to use the pesticides in the right dosage and to follow proper handling and timing. He also made aware the farmers how to identify the types of pesticides based on colour markings from the labels.



Shri. Bodevi Shuya, District Agriculture Officer, Chumukidema in his address requested the farmers not to overuse the pesticides as it will affect our health and environment. Shri. Rajender Thapar, Deputy General Manager, HIL (INDIA) Ltd highlighted about the activities taken up by their company for the improvement of the farming community across India. In his speech he informed the gathering that a total of 160 trainings have been conducted so far benefitting around 20,000 farmers through this training programme.

The training programme started with welcome address by Dr. Phool Kumari, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Dimapur and ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. Ebibeni Ngullie, CTO, KVK Dimapur.

The programme was followed by a technical session



where Dr. Moanaro, Programme Assistant, KVK Dimapur gave a lecture on Safe handling of pesticides and use of biopesticides. Method demonstration was also done on the use of the safety kits that was provided during the training. A video on safety and right use of pesticides was also played to the farmers. A total of 290 farmers from different blocks and villages of Chumukidema district, Nagaland attended the training programme.