

## ICAR-NCIPM AND KVK, Sephajjala Organized a Training cum Awareness Program at different Locations of Sephajjala

ICAR-National Research Centre for Integrated Pest Management, New Delhi & KVK, Sephajjala jointly organized an awareness cum training program on “Application of ICT in Pest Management” dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at KVK- Sephajjala, Tripura

The program was organized under the guidance of Dr. Subhash Chander, Director, ICAR-NCIPM, New Delhi, Dr. Anupam Mishra, Vice-Chancellor, CAU, Imphal, Dr. A.K. Mohanty, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Umiam, Prof. Ph. Ranjit Sharma, Director of Extension Education, CAU, Imphal. The objective of the programme was to promote the role of ICT in crop management and enhance the income of the farmers.

**Dr. Subhash Chander, Director, ICAR-NCIPM** was invited as the chief guest and enlightened the farmers about the importance of ICT in Pest Management and spoke about the requirement of tools and techniques for the improvement in crop production and productivity. He also emphasized upon the judicious use of pesticides.

Dr. Niranjana Singh, Pr. Scientist (Computer Applications in Agriculture) shared his views about the applications of newer ICT technologies in plant protection and also elaborated about the different Mobile Apps developed by the ICAR-NCIPM for the farmers.

Dr. Meenakshi Malik, another keynote speaker interacted with the farmers about the constraints being faced by the farmers facing in usage of ICT tools and techniques. She also highlighted the importance of ICT in the Plant Protection.

Dr. Shatabhisa Sarkar, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK Sepahijala and Dr. Utpal Dey, SMS (Plant Protection), KVK Sepahijala discussed about the ongoing ICT activities among the adopted villages of the area. During the program, six extension folders (English and Bengli) as on application of ICT technologies in plant protection were released.

A total of 48 farmers including women and youth actively participated in the program and interacted with specialists. The farmers apprised about the poor internet connectivity and electricity availability, major constraint in adoption of ICTs in IPM. The team of NCIPM also visited the experimental fields of KVK and nearby villages.







