

Training on Mushroom Production Technology for Entrepreneurship Development



ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Nagaland centre and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Dimapur organised four (4) days training programme on **“Mushroom Production Technology for Entrepreneurship Development”** during 17th to 20th September 2018 at ICAR, Nagaland Centre. Dr. Rajesha G. Scientist (Plant Pathology) and Miss. E. Lireni Kikon, SMS (Plant Protection), coordinated the training programme. This training programme mainly focused to development of entrepreneur towards the mushroom production to meet out the demand of mushroom consumption.

During training programme, different lectures viz., Scope and importance of mushroom cultivation in Nagaland; Oyster mushroom, Milky mushroom, Button mushroom and Paddy straw mushroom cultivation, Economics of mushroom cultivation, Insect pest and Disease management in mushroom cultivation, Recycling of spent mushroom through Vermicomposting were taught and practical demonstration on Oyster mushroom and Paddy straw, Value addition of mushroom have been covered. In addition to course coordinators other resource persons viz., Mr. Z. James Kikon, ACTO (Soil Science); Ms. Imtisenla Walling Ms. Mekhrulo Mero; Dr. Moanaro; Mrs. Kenny V. Rhetso; Mr. Bikash Sharma; Mr. Stephen and Mr. Budhin also involved during training programme.

During Valedictory programme the feedback, the trainees expressed their gratitude and spawn being the main constraint in mushroom production suggested to conduct spawn production training so as to increase the availability of spawn in the state. The Joint Director Dr. D. J. Rajkhowa is highly pleased to see the interest of local women for mushroom cultivation. During the programme, he also encouraged the farmers towards the establishment of mushroom spawn production units as an enterprise in every district of Nagaland to meet out the demand of the spawn availability for commercial mushroom cultivation. Total of 32 farmers including 25 farm women from Longleng Phek and Dimapur districts of Nagaland attended the training programme.