

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ORIENTATION CUM AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON ORGANIC FARMING AND CERTIFICATION IN WEST PANDAM GPU BY SIMFED.**

A day long orientation cum Awareness Programme on Organic Farming and Certification under Sikkim Organic Mission was conducted by SIMFED on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2014 in West Pandam, Gram Panchyat Unit, East Sikkim. The Programme also encompassed a chapter on intensive Organic technology for control of pests and diseases in various Kharif crops (both agricultural & horticultural).



The Programme highlighted the importance and future scope of Organic farming in the State. Mr.Kuber Bhandari, Managing Director, SIMFED, apprised the gathering of the receipt of C 3 Certificate of the Gram Panchayat Unit by Sikkim Organic Mission, thereby declaring total Certification of the area covering 522 hectars, for which he congratulated the farmers and Panchayats of the unit for their Cooperation to adopt organic farming and help in the State's Mission to achieve full Organic Status by 2015.

The HDO, Duga BAC, Mr.Pintso Wangyal Bhutia also addressed the gathering and clarified many questions put to him by the farmers during the Interactive Session. ICAR, Jr. Scientist, Dr. N. Johnson Singh gave an extensive

deliberation on the organic method of control of pests and disease of kharif crops (both agricultural & horticultural ) . Manager (ICS) of SIMFED through very wide and extensive deliberation explain the Certification process with the origin and reasons for the same and process after certification and marketing of organic products.

The Programme witnessed a lot of interaction between the members of the Organic Growers Group Committee of the area and the visiting Departmental officials. The programme was attended by all the SIMFED, ICS field functionaries and officials.

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