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ORIENTATION CUM AWARENESS PROGRAMME ON ORGANIC FARMING AND CERTIFICATION IN MENRONGONG 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 5th February 2014 in Menrongong, Gram Panchyat Unit, North Sikkim. The Programme also encompassed a chapter on intensive Organic technology cultivation various Kharif crops (both agricultural & horticultural).



The Programme highlighted the importance and future scope of Organic farming in the State. A detail status of the present ICS Programme in the region was informed by the Deputy General Manager SIMFED Mr. Dev Raj Dewan to the attendees. The gathering was requested to make it a point to have their Large cardamom Holdings documented as per their parchas.

Representatives from all Line Departments had a very extensive interaction with the farmers. Mr. Boney Lepcha, Research Scientist of KVK, East Sikkim, ICAR gave an extensive deliberation on the organic method of control of pests and disease of kharif crops (both agricultural & horticultural) along with their cultivation knowhow . A very wide and extensive deliberation explaining the Certification process with the origin and reasons for the same and process of certification and marketing of organic products was also given to the gathering.

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 of Agriculture and Horticulture Department and Panchayats.

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