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Success Story

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## A Success story of Farmers Field School from Tirap-district, Arunachal Pradesh

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The farmer field school is a segment under Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA); which governed by district Agricultural Officer/ Project Director at district level in our country. The prime focus of ATMA is to provide flexible working environment by integrating research, extension and all other stake holders at the district level to support the farmers need and interest through strategic plan. The Farmer field School organised at the farm of progressive farmer under the guidance of technical expert. This type of school promotes sharing of knowledge as well as skill from one farmer to other through Learning by Doing concept. The school is a centre where farmers can easily communicate in their own language/dialect. Different types of activities like- training cum awareness programmes, demonstrations, group discussions are involved under Farmers Field School.

A farmer field school on 'Integrated Farming System' (IFS) was organized by District Agriculture Officer, Tirap district, Arunachal Pradesh during **Kharif Season, 2024** in Khela village. Dr. Abhimanyu Chaturvedi, SMS (Horticulture) and Shri Amit Kumar Singh, SMS (Soil Science) from KVK Tirap have shared technical knowledge in the farm school.

The Khela village has diversified in agriculture and allied activities viz. Fish ponds, irrigation facilities, upland farming, poultry, piggery, cattle rearing etc.

Shri Khunsiat Tesia is a progressive farmer from Khela village under Tirap - district. He was selected for conducting farmer school at his farm by District Agriculture Officer, Tirap. He started 2 demonstrations on Integrated Farming System' (IFS) 1. Paddy cum piggery cum fishery, and 2. Horti cum poultry cum Fishery. Under the guidance of experts of KVK Tirap, one acre Okra, one-acre French bean and 02 units of vermicomposting were demonstrated.

Dr. Abhimanyu Chaturvedi was discussed among several topics with participants viz.

improved varieties of vegetable crops in details. Shri Amit Kumar Singh discussed about different successful modules of vermi composting. Shri Tesia was also shared his experience about vermi composting. Further, Dr. A. Chaturvedi also demonstrated the line sowing of Kharif vegetables. The intermediate field visits were also made by Dr. Chaturvedi to observe the reality about demonstration. Field Day was organized with training participants for horizontal spreading of demonstrated technologies among local farming communities. The programme was organized with following details-

Particulars	Topic/Theme	Date
Group meeting	Gathering of basic data and real situation as well as sensitization about scientific farming	28/02/2024
Training cum method demonstration	Different modules of vermi composting	04/03/2024
Training cum method demonstration	Method demonstration on Line sowing of Kharif vegetables (Okra and French Bean)	12/03/2024
Field visit	Visits at demonstration site	26/03/2024
Field visit	Visits at demonstration site	08/04/2024
Field visit	Visits at demonstration site	22/04/2024
Field Day	Showing the demonstrated technologies to other farmers of village for horizontal dissemination	10/05/2024

The total 32 farmer participants were attended and deliberated in the farmer field school.



The Action photographs of different activities under Farmer Field School on Integrated Farming System

