## Training cum awareness programme on PPV&FR Act, 2001 cum Field Day organized

For the protection of plant varieties, the rights of the farmers and plant breeders in an effective way and to encourage the development of new varieties of plants the Govt. of India enacted "The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights (PPV&FR) Act, 2001. To implement the provisions of the Act the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture established the PPV&FR Authority on 11<sup>th</sup> of November, 2005 with its Headquarters at New Delhi.

Since its inception the authority is recognizing and protecting the rights of the farmers in respect of their contributions made at any ponit of time in conserving, improving and making available plant genetic resources for the development of new plant varieties accelerating agricultural development in the country and facilitating the growth of seed industry in the country ensuring the availability of high quality seeds and planting materials to the farmers.

Looking into the needs for registration of farmers varieties with the Authority KVK Dimapur organized one day Training cum Awareness Programme on Protection of Plant Varierties and Farmers' Right (PPV&FR) Act, 2001 and farmers variety registration with active participation of 64 farmers at Singrijan Village on 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 2016 wherein the farmers were highlighted on their rights, benefit sharing, farmers awards for individual or community of farmers, particularly tribal and rural community engaged in conservation, improvement and their contributions in preservation and conservation of plant genetic resources of land races and wild relatives of economic plants.

Trainning folder translated in Nagamese dialect on PPV&FR Act, 2001 was also distributed to the farmers along with Farmers' variety registration forms and other related materials and KVK Dimapur offered to act as felicitators in registering their varieties with the Authority.

The programme was followed by a Field day on Linseed var. Padmini sponsored by AICRP on Linseed, Kanpur. Farmers were taken to the linseed demonstration plots and showed the benefits of growing Linseed as a second crop utilizing the residual moisture after the harvest of paddy increasing the cropping intensity and crop diversification for the benefit of the farming community in the district.



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Fild day on Linseed var. Padmini