

## **REPORT ON PLANT GENETIC RESOURCES (PGR) CONSERVATION AWARENESS PROGRAMME)**

On 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Nongstoin Social Service Society (NSSS) has organised the plant Genetic Resources (PGR) Conservation awareness programme at Laitlawsnai village for the 100 farmers. This Programme has been sponsored by ICAR- NBPGR Regional Station Shillong. It was a memorable day for the farmers. In this Programme Sir V.C Swer, Additonal DC, West Khasi Hills District is the chief Guest and Sir. T. Diengngan, BDO Nogstoin Block, West Khasi Hills District is the Guest of honour.

We begin the programme at 10:30 where Dr. Harish. GD (Scientist & OIC, ICAR- NBPGR Regional Station Shillong and Dr. Julius Uchoi (Scientist & former OIC, ICAR- NBPGR Regional Station Shillong) give a speech on how to preserve the seeds and how to grow multi crops so that when there is famine or pandemic we will survive. They encourage the farmers to preserve the varieties of crops.

Sir T. Diengngan BDO of Nongstoin Block encourage the farmers to use the skills they have learned and to be smart especially in marketing the resources. Fr. James the president of NSSS encourages the farmers to be proud as farmers for many peoples are dependent on farmers. Most of the people are in search for government job but they are not valuing the farming. Sir V.C. Swer the additional DC spoke that as farmers they are the ownership of their own job or work so they need to adapt the indigenous plantation for though is demand patient to grow to get the fruit but the indigenous vegetables is helpful for the sound body and soul.

At the end of the programme there is the distributions of materials like Vermi bed, Tarpaulin and water Pipes to the 100 farmers, this was sponsored by the ICAR- NBPGR Regional Station Shillong. There was the inauguration of the indigenous vegetables market cum exhibition on this day where the farmers sell their products.







