PLANT GENETIC DIVERSITY CONSERVATION AWARENESS PROGRAMME

DATE: **09th April 2021**

VENUE: **Diocese Hall, Nongstoin**



Nongstoin Social Service Society, under FARM NE Project, in collaboration with Indian Council of Agriculture Research National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, Regional Station Shillong, under the tribal Sub Plan TSP NBPGR Regional Station Shillong, **conducted** "**Plant Genetic Diversity Conservation Awareness Programme**" at Nongstoin, West Khasi Hills District Meghalaya on 9th April 2021. The program was attended by 101 (91 Female) Khasi tribal farmers of West Khasi Hills and South West Khasi Hills Districts. The program started with a welcome note by Ms. Roselin Mary Lyngdoh Marshillong, NSSS Staff. Dr. Harish. G. D, Scientist & OIC NBPGR, RS Shillong, spoke on activities of NBPGR Regional Station Shillong in "Conserving Germplasm of NEH Region and their Conservation." Dr. Julius Uchoi, Scientist NBPGR, RS Shillong emphasized on Conversation of Underutilized Fruit Crops of NEH Region while speaking on "Diversity in Fruit Crops of NEH Region." Ms. Badasiewdor Pariong, NSSS Staff, demonstrated preparation of Bio-Nutrients & Bio-Pesticides using locally available plant resources. Invited Guest, Shri. Utpal Bezbaruah, DDM, NABARD, while making his remarks, stressed on value addition of local germplasm to enhance their utility and profitability. Interpretation of all the speeches into Khasi language was done by NSSS staff Mrs. Binolin Syiemlieh & Mr. Wellessly Lyngkhoi. An Exhibition of local crops varieties brought by the participating farmers was organised in the afternoon. Farmers' Kits containing sprayers were distributed to the participants after the programme.



The programme was concluded with the briefing of the Vision, Mission and the Projects & Programmes of Nongstoin Social Service Society (NSSS) and Vote of Thanks by Fr. James Anderson Syiemlieh, the Director of Nongstoin Social Service Society.