

**NAIP project on “*Livelihood improvement and empowerment of rural poor through sustainable farming systems in Mon ,Nagaland*”**

1. SASRD, NU, Medziphema Campus in collaboration with ICAR, Nagaland Centre has undertaken NAIP project on “*Livelihood improvement and empowerment of rural poor through sustainable farming systems in North East India*” at Mon, Nagaland, w.e.f. September 2007 for 5 years. This project is sponsored by ICAR and funded by world bank. Teaching faculties of SASRD from various discipline are engaged in this project .
2. Lungwa village was selected as project site with the help of district administration, Dist. level Agri & Allied Deptts. and NGOs .There are about 500 household where all the household were brought under 25 SHGs .
3. SASRD NAIP team had several rounds of meetings with villagers and conducted awareness program , baseline survey and Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) exercise .
4. SASRD, Medziphema Campus, Nagaland University in collaboration with ICAR conducted a launching workshop at Mon on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 08 with the participation of SHG leaders ,Village council and Village Dev. Board members, Dist Agri & Allied Deptts. ,KVK, NGOs, ILRI,IWMI ,ICAR and SASRD team, where Dr V. Ngchaan ,Director of ICAR Res.,Complex ,Barapani graced the function as chief guest and Dr Supong Keitzar ,Director of Agriculture ,Govt. of Nagaland as Guest of Honour. A Brochure of NAIP ,Mon was also released by the chief guest of the function.
5. A farming system model will be established near a village with the full participation of the SHGs .A visit to the project site was conducted with ILRI & IWMI .

6. As a part of National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP), a team of SASRD faculty conducted a training cum demonstration for 15 SHGs at Lungwa on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb.08 at the Lungwa Baptist Church complex and at NAIP project site. Altogether there were about 300 participants comprising of women, men, young boys and girls from the 7 (Seven) Morungs of the village. The topics for the **Training cum Demonstration** included “ *Bee Keeping* “ by Prof Alemla Ao, Dept of Entomology, “*Mushroom Cultivation* “ by Dr L.Daiho, Dept of Plant Pathology,”: *Piggery*”, “*Poultry* “ ,”*Dairy*” & “*Fishery cum Duckery*” by Dr N.Savino, Dept Animal Prod. & Management ,”*Sericulture* “ by Mrs Imtinaro, Dept of Entomology , “*Mandarin cultivation*”, “*Passion fruit cultivation*” ,”*Cardamom cultivation*” and “*Vegetable cultivation*” by Dr Akali Sema ,Dept of Horticulture. All these SHGs will be taking up various entrepreneurial activities under the close supervision of different Subject Experts as a part of NAIP Project implementation. A day long programme started with a prayer by the Pastor of the Lungwa Baptist Church.

7. This project is quite challenging and SASRD is trying its level best to carry out this project successfully so as to uplift the livelihood of the rural poor to some extent .This project if successful will be replicated to other parts of the state, where the farmers are also equally poor