

## World Soil Day

KVK, Tinsukia organized the Pre Rabi Sanmilan along with the World Soil Day celebration on 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at Puberun Sangha field, Baruahula, Panitola. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Ananda Chandra Chetia, a renowned social worker of the area. After felicitation of the distinguished guest Dr. Amal Chandra Sarmah, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Tinsukia welcome the guests and highlight the objective of the programme and importance of Soil Health Card.

Mr. P.K. Gogoi, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tinsukia, grace the occasion as Chief Guest and he spoke in length about importance of Soil Health Card in coming years in agriculture and other allied departments. He also distributed Soil Health Card among the farmers and stressed upon the use of fertilizer and organic manure for sustainable crop production and maintenance of good soil health.

Joint Director (Agriculture, EZ) Mr. K.R.Gogoi address the gathering and enlighten the importance of Soil Health Card and importance of soil health management.

Mr. B.N. Sonar, Dist. Agriculture Officer, Tinsukia explained about use of fertilizer on the basis of soil test value and also stressed on the use of organic manure. Mr. Sonar urges the farmers to adopt rabi cultivation commercially and informed about different Government schemes to increase the production of rabi crops.

Dr. A. Saikia, District Veterinary Officer, Mr. Utpal Borah, District Fishery Development Officer, Dr. A.C. Borbora, Chief Scientist, CRS, Tinsukia, Dr. S. Hussain, Deputy Project Director, ATMA, Tinsukia, also laid emphasis on maintaining good health of soil for future generation while addressing the gathering.

Mr. S. Mazumder, DDM, NABARD spoke about various schemes of NABARD for the benefit of farmers

A total of 205 SHC were distributed among the farmers of the area. After receiving the Soil Health Card few farmers lauded the efforts of KVK and requested the scientists to extend all possible help for maximization of crop production. The meeting ended with vote of thanks from Dr. Arundhati Bordoloi, SMS(Soil Science), KVK, Tinsukia

