

## XI<sup>TH</sup> PARTHENIUM AWARENESS WEEK (16-22 AUGUST)

organized by KVK Ri-Bhoi & NRM Division, ICAR

An Awareness Programme on Parthenium was organised on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 by KVK Ri-Bhoi and NRM Division of ICAR Umiam at KVK Conference Hall to make the farmers aware about the hazardous effects of the weed. The Chief Guest of the programme, Dr. Satish Chandra, Director Incharge, ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Umiam, informed the farmers about the harmful effects of the parthenium on plants, animals and humans. He also expressed his happiness for organising such programme by KVK Ri-Bhoi.



Dr. M. Mokidul Islam, Programme Coordinator, KVK Ri-Bhoi welcomed all the farmers to the programme and briefed the farmers about the impact of Parthenium on environment, biodiversity, agriculture production, livestock and human being and its management and control measures.



He also briefed for compost making with DWR pit method with size 10ft length x 6 ft width x3 ft depth and placed the parthenium in layers by using cowdung slurry spray for early composting within 2-4 months. Dr.Subhash Babu, Scientist (Agronomy), Division of Crop Production, ICAR, Umiam, spoke in detail about the threats of Parthenium weed on the health of human, livestock and plants and he also informed the farmers about the proper time and method to control the

weed. Dr Prabha Devi, Scientist NRM Division, ICAR, Umiam also explained to the farmers in brief about the effect of parthenium on environment. A total of 25 nos. of farmers from 3 villages of Ri-Bhoi district participated in the programme. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Mr. Pynshaitbor Jana, Programme Assistant (Computer), KVK Ri-Bhoi.