

Monitoring team visited to FLDs site under SCSP at Fagu block, Shimla

In order to enhance the knowledge and adoption of improved potato varieties and scientific potato cultivation practices by the farmers, 28 Frontline Demonstrations of two improved varieties, namely, *Kufri Karan* and *Kufri Chandramukhi* were laid out at farmers' fields at Kachat village, Fagu P.O., Tehsil & District Shimla of Himachal Pradesh.

A monitoring team consisting of Dr. Alok Kumar, PS & Head, Dr. Pynbianglang K., Scientist, Sh. Rakesh Kumar, STA and Sh. Vivek Kumar, T-1 of the Division of Social Sciences visited the FLD sites and discussed the constraints and progress of the FLDs on September 08, 2023. Majority of the farmers followed the cultivation practices as recommended by the scientists of the Institute. Farmers reported no or minimal late blight incidence in *Kufri Karan* but in *Kufri Chandramukhi*, some farmers reported significant incidence of late blight. The yield of the potato was observed to be higher than the existing variety, *Kufri Jyoti*. The farmers were satisfied with the performance of the potato varieties and the advisories provided to them regularly by the staffs of the institute.



Photos: Photos during the monitoring and data collection for FLDs