

Participation of ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla in 95th Foundation day/Technology day



ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute participated and showcased the innovative technologies of the institute in 95th Foundation Day/Technology Day of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) celebrated during 16th to 18th July 2023 at the National Agriculture Science Complex in Pusa, New Delhi. The event was graced by the presence of Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, and President of ICAR Society, who served as the Chief Guest. Shri

Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, along with Shri Kailash Choudhary, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, also graced the occasion.

During the program, the processing variety Kufri Chipsona-5, developed by CPRI, was officially released. Besides, Kufri FryoM (a variety for French Fries) which is the Institute's first variety under licensing was displayed and fetched major attention in the exhibition.

An important milestone was reached with the signing of an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ICAR-CPRI and Uni Agro Private Limited, Ludhiana for CPRI-Aeroponics technologies for the production of minitubers.

The event recognized the remarkable achievements of ICAR-CPRI, as six of ICAR-CPRI technologies received certification from ICAR. These technologies included the "Mini tuber grading machine," "Mini tuber counting machine," "VEGFAST - a technology for growing

vegetables on rooftops," "Gluten-free potato porridge and semolina," "Gluten-free potato fruit butter cookies," and "Gluten-free potato kodo cookies."

During this Exhibition day, more than 2000 farmers, students and entrepreneurs visited the ICAR-CPRI stall. Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare also visited CPRI stall and appreciated the work done by ICAR-CPRI. Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary (DARE) and Director General (ICAR) also commended the work done by ICAR-CPRI.

