

Field day on Potato processing variety (Kufri Chipsona1 and Kufri Chipsona 3) in Thangsning village, East Khasi Hills district in Meghalaya, India.

ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute regional centre Shillong (ICAR-CPRS (RS) Shillong) in collaboration with ATMA, Mawkynrew block, has introduced potato processing variety Kufri Chipsona-1 to the farmers in Mawkynrew Block, East Khasi Hills District, Meghalaya since 2019 and Kufri Chipsona-3 in 2022. Positive feedback has been received from the farmers and field day Programme was organised in the field of the farmer Mr. Batskhem Mawkhiew on 29th August 2023. Dr. N Sailo, Senior Scientist & Head i/c, ICAR -CPRI RS Shillong, addressed the gathering and highlighted the potential of processing varieties and the need for quality seeds to maximize yield. Dr. Maqbool Lyngdoh Suiam, Director, Meghalaya Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute (MAMETI), Shillong, Meghalaya, appreciated the efforts of ICAR-CPRI and ATMA in introducing processing varieties and suggested all the farmers to adopt these varieties to get higher returns. He also stressed the importance of value addition at the farm level to boost farmers' income. During the program, Harvesting was done in Mr. Batskhem Mawkhiew's field and a yield of 25 t/ha (Kufri Chipsona 1) was observed. The farmer shared his experience in growing Kufri Chipsona-1 and Kufri Chipsona-3, as well as his satisfaction in observing comparatively higher yields when using quality seeds of a processing variety as compared to Farmers own seed, Kufri Jyoti (11.1 t/ha). Dr. Yvonne Angel Lyngdoh and Dr. Janani P explained about the potato processing varieties released by ICAR CPRI and improved agro-techniques for potato processing varieties. Ms. Dulcie CH Mark and Mr. Donovan, BTM Mawkynrew block, facilitated interaction between farmers and officials and many information and knowledge was exchanged. The program was attended by Scientists from ICAR-CPRI, RS, Shillong, Officials from Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute (MAMETI) & ATMA, Mawkynrew block, media peoples and around 30 farmers from the surrounding villages of Thangsning. At the end of the program, 5 Vermicomposting beds were distributed to the participants.



