

## **Success story of Potato Cultivation In Zunheboto**

### **District of Nagaland**

Mr. Hetoï Yeptho, a 58 year old progressive farmer from Keltomi Village, Block: Tokiye under Zunheboto district was among one of the farmers selected for IARI, NEH programme undertaken by KVK, Zunheboto, Nagaland University. He was into vegetable cultivation and possesses a good knowledge regarding the suitability of crops which can be taken up as cash crops. He has been actively involved in the training programmes offered by KVK.

He showed keen interest in potato cultivation after he found that the locally grown potatoes offered him a good return. His interest draws his attention towards various activities taken up by the KVK and requested for any kind of help towards potato cultivation. Though interested to take up Potato cultivation he was not able to buy the potato seeds from the market as it was very costly and difficult to get the right variety. He was trained on scientific potato cultivation and inputs were provided to encourage him to take up potato cultivation.

The KVK received 8000 kg of Potato seeds of Var. Kufri Jyoti from IARI under NEH component for Zunheboto district and 2000 kgs of Potato tubers Var. *Kufri Jyoti* was distributed to him for cultivation in approximately 2 hectares of land in Jhum field.

The production performance of Potato var. Kufri Jyoti was very good, no disease incidence was reported and yield per hectare was about 12-15 tonnes. He could earn net income of Rs.2.2 lakhs/hectare, which will help in improving socio-economic condition.

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