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Meeting in progress at KVK Phek Porba.

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NAGALAND 5th February 2024

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The meeting was chaired by Dr Girish Patil S, Director ICAR-NRC on Mithun, Medziphema and Chairman SAC. In his introductory remark, Dr Girish Patil elaborated objectives and role of KVK. He highlighted to take up climate resilient programmes and to converge with the line departments.

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The programme was followed by an interactive session and various farming inputs were distributed to all the farmers under the NEH sub-plan. An exhibition of plant biodiversity was also displayed by the farmers. A word of appreciation was delivered by Er Nukusa T Vadeo, Technical officer KVK Phek.

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Er Nukusa T Vadeo, Technical Officer at KVK Phek, offered words of gratitude towards the event organizers and speakers. In total, 100 farmers from Chepoketa and Phek attended the programme.

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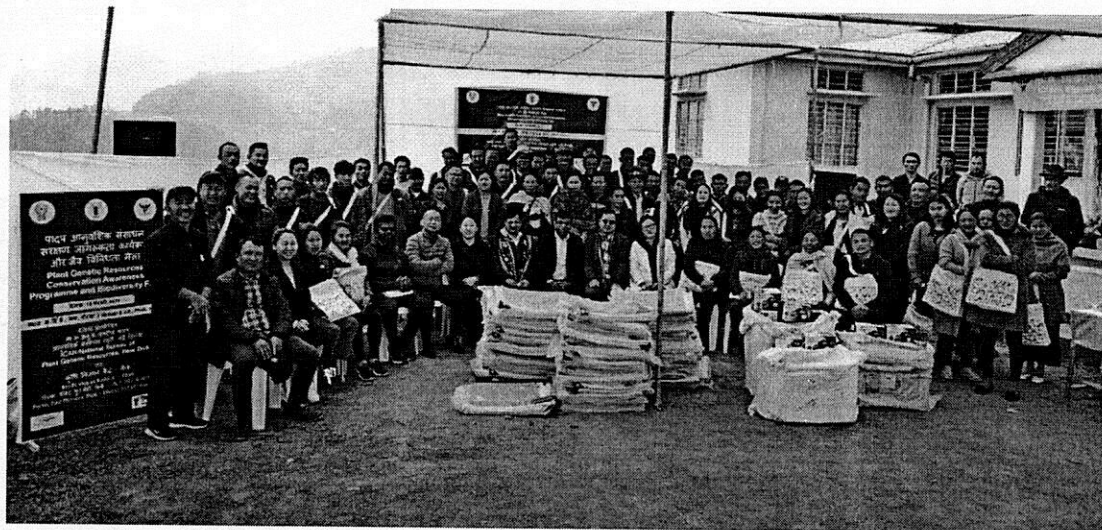
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March 4th 2024

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Lead farmer Nuzolu wins Innovation Excellence Award

DIMAPUR: Nuzolu Chuzho, a lead farmer from the Self Help Group (SHG) in Thipuzu village, Phek district, has been honored with the prestigious Innovation Excellence Award at the 5th edition of the "Outlook Agritech Summit & Awards 2024."

The award ceremony was held in New Delhi, recognized her outstanding contribution to agricultural innovation, and particularly through the project titled "Food Security through Organic Potato Tuber Production."

The innovative initiative, implemented by ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Phek (ICAR-NRC on Mithun, Medziphema), Nagaland, under the ICAR-ATARI Zone VII, Umiam, was funded by the Farm Sector Promotion Fund (FSPF) under the NABARD, Dimapur sponsored programme.

Chuzho's achievement stands as a testament to the

impact of grassroots-level agricultural practices on improving food security and farmer livelihoods in the region.

It may be noted that Phek district is well-suited for potato cultivation; however, farmers often face a significant challenge due to the unavailability of quality potato tubers during the crucial planting season.

Many local farmers are forced to procure tubers from neighboring states, which not only delays planting but also incurs high transportation costs. To overcome this problem, ICAR-KVK Phek developed an innovative solution aimed at ensuring local access to high-quality potato seeds. The project involved constructing a low-cost bamboo storage structure for potato seeds, specifically targeting SHGs in Thipuzu village. The storage facility allows farmers to preserve potato tubers after harvest, ensuring

they remain viable for use in the next planting season.

The bamboo storage structure is designed to provide optimal conditions for storing potato tubers. The facility is constructed using bamboo racks in a well-ventilated room, with wooden walls and a roof made of CGI sheets. It has a capacity to store up to 6 tonnes of tubers, significantly reducing post-harvest losses and providing a consistent supply of quality seeds for local farmers. The success of this project highlights the potential of innovative, low-cost agricultural solutions to solve persistent challenges in rural farming communities.

Chuzho's recognition at the Outlook Agritech Summit & Awards 2024 was a proud moment for Nagaland's farming community and served as an inspiration for farmers across India to embrace innovation and sustainable agricultural practices.

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Woman farmer from Nagaland wins national innovation award

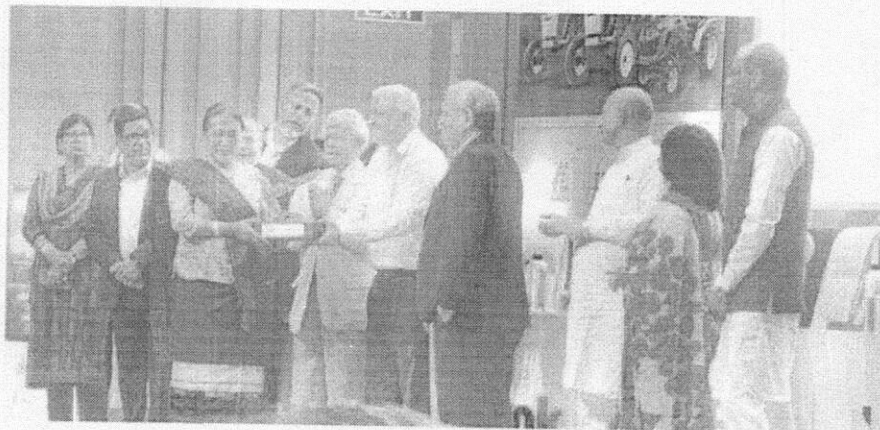
Dimapur, Sep. 9 (EMN): Nuzolu Chuzho, a lead farmer from Nagaland's Phek district, has been awarded the Innovation Excellence Award at the Outlook Agritech Summit & Awards 2024 in New Delhi on Monday.

Chuzho, a member of the self-help group (SHG) in Thipuzu village, was recognised for her outstanding work on a project titled 'Food Security through Organic Potato Tuber Production.'

According to an update, the project, implemented by the ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (ICAR-KVK) in Phek, under the ICAR-ATARI Zone VII, Umiam, addressed a crucial challenge faced by potato farmers in the district—the lack of access to quality seed potatoes during planting season.

Previously, farmers had to source tubers from neighbouring states, resulting in delays and high transportation costs. To solve this, ICAR-KVK Phek, with funding from Farm Sector Promotion Fund (FSPF) under NABARD, helped construct a low-cost bamboo storage structure for potato seeds in Thipuzu village.

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Nuzolu Chuzho receiving the award during the Outlook Agritech Summit & Awards 2024 in New Delhi on Monday.

signed for optimal storage conditions, can house up to six tonnes of tubers. It has proven highly effective in preserving seed potatoes after harvest, ensuring their viability for the next planting season, it said.

The update stated that Chuzho's leadership in the project has not only improved local access to quality seeds but also empowered farmers by reducing their reliance on external suppliers. The project's success is a testament to the impact of grassroots-level innovation on enhancing food security and farmer

livelihoods, it said.

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Further, the ICAR-KVK Phek team, in collaboration with NABARD and other stakeholders, continues to promote similar initiatives to enhance food security and improve farming practices in Nagaland and beyond, it added.



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"At KVK-Phek in Porba, the celebration of World Soil Day was part of the "Krishi Swarna Samridhi Week," a week-long initiative aimed at promoting sustainable agricultural practices. The event was graced by Mhalo Humtsoe, Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) of Pftusero. She highlighted the need for soil conservation and shared best practices for maintaining soil health.

Expert speakers, including Dr T. Esther Longkumer and Peleneilhou Patrick, District Soil and Water Conservation Officer of Phek, spoke on topics such as soil health management, the importance of Soil Health Cards, and soil conservation techniques for hill agriculture. Farmers from various villages, including Chizami, Sumi, Khezakeno, Leshemi, Zapami, Kikruma, Pftusero, and Porba, received Soil Health Cards and agricultural inputs were distributed to support their farming activities. The event also featured an exhibition of traditional crops and innovative agricultural technologies.