

Hands-on Training programme on Improved processing technologies of tropical tuber crops for Manipur farmers

A one week hands-on training programme on "Improved processing technologies of tropical tuber crops" was organized at the Techno Incubation Centre, ICAR-CTCRI during 11 – 17 October, 2022. The main aim of the programme was to expose the farmers from Manipur, to the processing facilities and technologies available at ICAR-CTCRI and to train them to start suitable on-farm cassava processing units at their level and wherever possible, to register as FPOs. Dr M.N.Sheela, Director, ICAR-CTCRI formally inaugurated the programme and a total of thirteen progressive farmers from Manipur state attended and were given hands-on training on preparation of various value added products viz., ready to eat primary processed food items, fried chips, snack foods, baked foods and functional foods from tuber crops. They were also exposed to the operation of various primary and secondary processing machineries required for starting an entrepreneurship.

They were taken to few cassava value added products based start-ups and FPOs in Kottayam district to have a direct interaction with the entrepreneurs and FPOs. Different kinds of manual cassava slicers were procured and distributed to the farmers during the programme. The training was organized by AICRP on Tuber Crops involving CAU, Imphal, Manipur centre under the NEH programme.