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CUO Agriculture Students Demonstrate Kharif Potato Cultivation in Koraput village at Paliba, Lamtaput

In a significant step towards bridging academic knowledge with grassroots farming practices, students from the Department of Agriculture, Central University of Odisha (CUO), Koraput visited the field of farmer Mr. Bisu Bairagi in Paliba village, Lamtaput block, Koraput. The purpose of the visit was to demonstrate the cultivation techniques of Summer (Kharif) potato and interact with local farmers.

This initiative is part of the department's ongoing outreach efforts to connect with the farming community of Koraput. By working directly with local farmers, the department aims to understand their cultivation challenges, assess soil texture and fertility, and offer practical solutions based on scientific research.

Speaking on the occasion, head of the department of Agriculture Dr. Manjushree Singh emphasized, "There is a continuous effort from the Ministry of Education to uplift farming communities by transferring knowledge and technology from lab to land. At CUO, we are committed to carrying this vision forward through our researchers, educationists, and students."

The university plans to undertake several future research initiatives focused on enhancing agricultural productivity and sustainability in the region. These efforts aim to empower farmers with better practices and tools tailored to the unique agro-climatic conditions of Koraput.

Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.C. Panda extended his gratitude to progressive farmers Mr. Sarat Kumar Patnaik, Mr. Pratap Kumar Swain, Mr. Khaga Hantala, and Mr. Bisu Bairagi for their active support and collaboration with the Department of Agriculture. Their involvement is pivotal in fostering a strong linkage between academia and the farming community.

This collaborative approach marks a promising path for inclusive agricultural development in the Koraput region.

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