

Navigating the challenges of vegetable farming in Bishnupur district of Manipur

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ABSTRACT

Vegetable farming in Bishnupur District, Manipur, faces a unique set of challenges driven by the region's geographic, climatic, and socio-economic conditions. This study explores the multifaceted obstacles encountered by local farmers including input related, labour related, financial, technical, market related and general constraints. Five villages were selected randomly from the Nambol block and from each village 20 respondents were selected thus making a sample size of 100. Data was collected using a structured interview schedule and analysed using Mean frequency and percentage. The results showed that high cost of pesticides was the major problem faced by 46.00 per cent of the respondents. The study concludes with recommendations for policy interventions, including investments in irrigation infrastructure, targeted agricultural extension programs, and support for technology adoption. By addressing these issues, it is possible to enhance the productivity and sustainability of vegetable farming in the region, ultimately contributing to improved food security and economic stability for local farmers.

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