

**Distribution of Power Tiller and kharif onion seeds to Onion & Vegetable beneficiaries of New Socünoma village and Ghile farm, Niuland under TSP-Onion, Department of Horticulture, SASRD, NU, Medziphema campus**



*Fig. 1 Demonstration of power tiller operation*



*Fig. 2 Pro-VC & PI, TSP-Onion, AICRP (VC) staff & Onion/Vegetable beneficiaries*

Looking at the consumption and production rate of onion in Nagaland, Director of ICAR-Directorate of Onion and Garlic Research, Rajgurunagar, Pune, Maharashtra and Prof. Akali Sema, Principle Investigator, TSP-Onion felt the need to popularize onion cultivation among tribal farmers of Nagaland and with the objective of promoting onion cultivation among tribal farmers, Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) on Onion, SASRD, Nagaland University, two numbers of Power tiller alongwith good quality kharif onion seeds var. Bhima Super were distributed to beneficiaries from New Socünoma village (1 no.) and Mr. Vito Sema, Proprietor, Ghile farm, Niuland (1 no.) at SASRD, NU, Medziphema Campus on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2023. The demonstration and distribution programme was graced by Prof. Akali Sema, Pro Vice Chancellor & Principle Investigator, TSP-Onion, SASR, NU where she encouraged the farmers by highlighting the importance and prospects of onion cultivation in Nagaland. The beneficiaries were highlighted with the production technology of kharif onion by Scientist AICRP (VC) & Co-PI, TSP-Onion, SASRD, NU, Dr. Moakala Changkiri. This programme was held specifically with the aim to promote onion cultivation which automatically will mend the requirement of the local people as well as it would be a source of income generation as onion cultivation is not taken up by many farmers as such at present. In the discussion hour, farmers shared their experiences & problems which they are facing in cultivating onion and the subject experts provided helpful suggestions. The programme ended with a light refreshment and photography.