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### Performance of red skinned potato varieties in kharif season under Western Maharashtra

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### Abstract

Kufri Sindhuri a cross between Kufri Kundan and Kufri Red is a late maturing variety. Its tubers are attractive having light red skin, round tubers with medium deep eyes and creamy flesh and a dry matter content of (19.5 %). It also possesses good keeping quality, medium tuber dormancy period (> 6 weeks) and field resistance to late blight. It also produced higher average tuber yield as compared to the other red skinned varieties. In a three year trial at Pune the maximum total tuber yield at 90 days stage was recorded by Kufri Jyoti (20.60 t/ha) which was taken for comparison with red varieties as Kufri Jyoti is the dominant variety cultivated in Western Maharashtra. However among the red varieties the maximum total tuber yield was recorded by Kufri Sindhuri (19.72 t/ha). This variety aptly prove to be a good source of income to the farmers as red varieties fetch a more price than the normal potato varieties.

Keywords: Kufri Sindhuri, potato, red skin variety

### Introduction

Potato (*Solanum tuberosum* L) occupies a prominent place in the agricultural economy of India. Red skin varieties are grown predominantly in the entire potato growing belt especially in eastern plains (Pandey 2000) <sup>[3]</sup>. Farmers in Maharashtra are showing their inclination towards cultivating red varieties as they fetch 2-3 rupees per kg more price than the white skin potatoes. Also red potatoes can be exported to Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Philippines.

Keeping in view the preferences of the consumers, sellers sometimes use colours and other products like arrow root floor for staining/ colouring white potato tubers that fetch premium prices. Hence realizing the upcoming demand of red skin potatoes in local markets and much more in International markets, Kufri Sindhuri is recommended for cultivation in potato growing regions of western Maharashtra.

### **Material and Methods**

The present investigation was carried out at Kodit village in Purandar tahshil of Pune district for three years (2017, 2018 and 2019) during Kharif season. In all five treatments or varieties namely, V1: Kufri Lalit, V2: Kufri Sindhuri, V3: Kufri Kesar, V4: Kufri Kanchan and V5: Kufri Jyoti were planted and replicated for four times in Randomised Block Design (RBD) (Panse and Sukhatme, 1985)  $^{[6]}$ . The plant spacing was 60 x 20 cm with a plot size of 3 x 3 m, uniform fertilizers application was undertaken for all the treatments. Necessary cultural practices were also carried out uniformly for all the treatments. The manure and fertilizer were applied at the rate 20 MT/ha FYM and 150: 60: 120 Kg/ha N:  $P_2O_5$ :  $K_2O$ .

The observations like percent plant emergence, plant vigour by using 1 to 5 scale at 60 days after planting, mean canopy cover as per Burstall and Harris method, percent foliage senescence, tuber yield per ha at 90 days after planting, dry matter of potato tuber in percent and incidence of pest and diseases were recorded. The data collected have been analyzed and presented in tables 1 to 6.

### Results

The data presented in Table 1 revealed that the per cent plant emergence was found to be maximum in Kufri Jyoti which was significantly superior over the other red skinned varieties. Plant vigor was found to be maximum in Kufri Sindhuri (3.89) however it was found to be at par with Kufri Jyoti (3.54). The mean canopy cover was recorded to be the maximum in Kufri Jyoti (34.59) which was significantly superior over the remaining red skinned cultivars.

Ata depicted in Table 2 revealed that the maximum tuber dry matter (%) was found in K. Sindhuri (19.47%) which was significantly superior over the remaining red skinned varieties as well as K. Jyoti.

The maximum total tuber yield at 90 days stage was recorded in Kufri Jyoti (20.58 t/ha) However it was found to be at par with that recorded by K. Sindhuri (19.72 t/ha).

Least incidence of early blight (18.08 %) as well as Late blight (8.06 %) was recorded in K. Sindhuri which was found to be at par with K. Jyoti.

Among red skinned cultivars highest sustainability yield index (0.86), Net Income per ha (Rs. 159107/-) and B: C ratio (2.25) was recorded by K. Sindhuri.

Table 1: Plant emergence, vigor and foliage senescence of red potato varieties

Cm ma	Treatment	Per cent plant emergence			Plant vigor (1-5 scale) at 60 DAP				Mean canopy cover (No. of squares)				
Sr. no		2017	2018	2019	Pooled mean	2017	2018	2019	Pooled mean	2017	2018	2019	Pooled mean
1.	K. Lalit	91.225	91.000	92.000	91.410	2.800	2.650	2.750	2.733	32.000	22 150	32.350	32.167
1.	K. Lant	(72.76)	(72.54	(73.57	(72.95)	2.000	2.030	2.730	2.733	32.000	32.130	32.330	32.107
2.	K. Sindhuri	93.325	92.450	93.250	93.010	3.900	3.850	3.920	3.890	33.331	33.350	33.370	33.350
۷.	IX. Silidilari	(75.02)	974.05)	(74.94)	(74.66)	3.700	3.030	3.720					
3.	K. Kesar	90.375	90.498	91.330	90.677	2.930	2.950	2.900	2.927	32.330	32.550	33.350	32.410
J.	IX. IXCSai	(71.92)	(72.03)	(72.87)	(72.21)		2.730	2.700	2.721	32.330			
4.	K. Kanchan	90.000	90.370	90.250	90.207	2.875	3.150	3.200	3.117	26.330	26.350	26 330	26.327
	TX. TXUIICIUII	(71.56)	(71.92)	(71.80)	(71.75)	2.073	3.130	3.200	3.117	20.330	20.330	20.330	
5.	K. Jyoti	94.450	94.250	94.330	94.343	3.500	3.550	3.580	3.543	34.670	34.500	34.603	34.590
J.	IX. Jyou	(76.37)	(76.12)	(76.22)	(76.23)	3.300	3.330	3.360	3.343				
	SE±	0.418	0.526	0.441	0.206	0.108	0.059	0.177	0.038	0.183	0.429	0.407	0.063
	CD at 5%	1.303	1.639	1.373	0.681	0.336	0.184	0.551	0.126	0.570	1.336	1.268	0.208
	CV %	0.910	1.147	0.956	0.387	6.745	8.3649	10.810	9.028	8.320	9.405	9.122	8.382

Table 2: Foliage senescence and tuber dry matter of red potato varieties

Sr. no	Tweetment		Foliage	senescence	(%)	Tuber dry matter (%)				
Sr. no	Treatment	2017	2018	2019	Pooled mean	2017	2018	2019	Pooled mean	
1.	K. Lalit	81.660	81.600	81.560	81.607	17.310	17.250	17.220	17.260	
	K. Lant	(64.64)	(64.59)	(64.56)	(64.59)	(24.58)	(24.54)	(24.51)	(24.54)	
2.	K. Sindhuri	77.350	77.550	77.150	77.350	19.510	19.505	19.480	19.473	
۷.	K. Silidiluli	(61.58)	(61.71)	(61.44)	(61.58)	(26.21)	(26.20)	(26.19)	(26.18)	
3.	K. Kesar	81.330	81.250	81.300	81.293	17.390	17.350	17.420	17.387	
3.		(64.39)	(64.34)	(64.37)	(64.37)	(24.64)	(24.61)	(24.66)	(24.63)	
4.	K. Kanchan	81.820	81.800	81.900	81.840	17.500	17.450	17.400	17.450	
4.		(64.76)	(64.74)	(64.82)	(64.77)	(24.72)	(24.69)	(24.65)	(24.69)	
5.	V Ivoti	77.500	79.250	80.450	79.066	18.590	18.500	18.550	18.547	
٥.	K. Jyoti	(61.68)	(61.58)	(61.64)	(61.63)	(25.54)	(25.47)	(25.51)	(25.50)	
	SE±	0.523	0.491	0.385	0.395	0.645	0.150	0.265	0.018	
	CD at 5%	1.630	1.529	1.198	1.307	NS	0.468	0.825	0.059	
	CV %	8.309	9.223	8.956	8.852	7.145	7.667	6.941	7.172	

Table 3: Total tuber yield at 90 days after planting of different red potato varieties

Sr. no	Treatment	Total tuber yield at 90 DAP (t/ha)							
Sr. 110	Treatment	2017	2018	2019	Pooled mean	SYI			
1.	K. Lalit	17.630	17.550	17.400	17.527	0.75			
2.	K. Sindhuri	19.450	19.720	19.990	19.720	0.86			
3.	K. Kesar	16.230	16.380	16.420	16.343	0.70			
4.	K. Kanchan	16.540	16.650	16.560	16.643	0.70			
5.	K. Jyoti	20.670	20.595	20.553	20.580	0.90			
	SE±	0.403	0.518	0.269	0.094	-			
	CD at 5%	1.257	1.613	0.839	0.313	-			
	CV %	7.456	8.696	9.962	9.901	-			

**SYI:** Sustainable Yield Index

 Table 4: Per cent disease incidence at 60 days after planting of red potato varieties

Cu no	Treatment	Late blight (%)			Early blight (%)				Virus (%)				
Sr. no		2017	2018	2019	Pooled mean	2017	2018	2019	Pooled mean	2017	2018	2019	Pooled mean
1.	K. Lalit	13.355	11.045	10.440	11.603	21.330	22.098	21.988	21.800	6.670	8.293	6.600	7.207
1.	K. Lant	(21.43)	(19.40	(19.76)	(19.91)	(27.50)	(28.03)	(27.95)	(27.83)	(14.96)	(16.73)	(14.88)	(15.56)
2.	K. Sindhuri	9.330	8.278	6.588	8.060	20.670	17.663	15.938	18.087	4.560	6.080	4.380	5.007
۷.	K. Sindhuri	(17.78)	(16.71)	(14.86)	(16.49)	(27.04)	(24.84)	(23.52)	(25.16)	(12.32)	(14.27)	(12.08)	(12.92)
3.	K. Kesar	9.340	12.713	13.195	11.743	22.000	20.420	22.013	21.113	5.330	11.045	9.885	8.750
Э.		(17.79)	(20.88)	(21.29)	(20.03)	(27.97)	(26.86)	(27.97)	(27.35)	(13.34)	(19.40)	(18.32)	(17.20)
4.	K. Kanchan	9.250	9.860	8.800	9.303	23.330	20.998	21.433	21.917	2.670	8.835	8.293	6.597
4.	K. Kanchan	(17.70)	(18.30)	(17.25)	(17.75)	(28.88)	(27.26)	(27.57)	(27.90)	(9.40)	(17.28)	(16.73)	(14.87)
5.	V Ivoti	8.330	6.625	5.490	7.067	19.330	15.455	15.393	15.723	5.330	5.525	3.293	4.713
Э.	K. Jyoti	(14.90)	(14.90)	(13.55)	(15.40)	(26.08)	(23.14)	(23.09)	(23.35)	(13.34)	(13.58)	(10.45)	(12.53)
	SE±	0.559	0.761	0.856	0.879	1.013	1.181	1.045	0.723	0.437	1.113	1.181	1.019
	CD at 5%	1.740	2.369	2.667	2.912	NS	3.680	3.257	2.395	1.361	3.467	3.650	NS
	CV %	11.261	15.675	19.233	15.938	9.495	12.223	10.804	6.350	17.783	27.975	12.223	17.351

Table 5: Economics (Mean of 2017 to 2019)

Sr. No.	Variety	Yield (t/ha)	Total cost of cultivation (Rs/ha)	Gross income (Rs/ha)	Net income (Rs/ha)	B:C Ratio
1.	K. Lalit	17.52	120985	254040	133055	2.10
2.	K. Sindhuri	19.72	126833	285940	159107	2.25
3.	K. Kesar	16.34	117848	236930	119082	2.01
4.	K. Kanchan	16.64	118645	241280	122635	2.03
5.	K. Jyoti	20.58	129119	298410	169291	2.31
	Max.	20.58	129119	298410	169291	2.31
	Min.	16.34	117848	236930	119082	2.01
	Avg.	18.16	122686	263320	140634	2.14
	SD	1.89	5030.17	27437.59	22407.42	0.13

Table 6: Organoleptic test for red potato varieties-observation recorded by 20 people

Su no	Vaniote	Г	aste		Appearance			
Sr. no.	Variety	Excellent	Fair	Poor	Excellent	Fair	Poor	
1.	K. Lalit	-	14	6	05	12	03	
2.	K. Sindhuri	12	08	1	15	05	1	
3.	K. Kesar	-	15	05	09	11	1	
4.	K. Kanchan	05	10	05	02	18	1	
5.	K. Jyoti	13	05	02	15	05	-	

### Conclusion

It can be concluded from three years pooled data (2017-19) that out of the five red skinned varieties of potato evaluated at AICRP (Potato), Ganeshkhind, Pune. Kufri Sindhuri can be recommended as a promising potato variety for kharif season in plain zone of Maharashtra.

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