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Building Strong Network From Farm to Market: Building a Resilient & Profitable Agriculture in Himachal Pradesh

The Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project-II, supported by JICA-ODA, continues to make significant strides in its mission to enhance farmers' incomes through diversification, value addition, sustainable farming practices and strong market linkages. The initiatives undertaken during December 2025 to January 2026 reflect the collective commitment of JICA, the Government of India, the Government of Himachal Pradesh, our farmers, project teams, experts and partner institutions to translate this vision into tangible outcomes. During this period, several noteworthy milestones were achieved. Hon'ble Ministers and MLAs, including Smt.

Kamlesh Thakur, Ms. Anuradha Rana, Shri Sunder Thakur and Er. Rajesh Dharmani, expressed their support for the project and appreciated the efforts in promoting value-added products such as HIM Haldi, HIM Dalia and HIM Atta. Their guidance and encouragement have strengthened our efforts to enhance public awareness about safe, chemical-free and nutritious produce while supporting farmers in realizing better market returns. The project also made significant progress in strengthening farmer networks and market linkages. Mr. Ruchit, CEO of the Harvesting Farmer Network, along with the HPCDP-II team, conducted field visits to Palampur, Dharamshala and Dehra to assess the performance of farmer groups, FPOs and agri-business activities. Interactions with local entrepreneurs and FPOs helped identify innovative models such as vertical farming adoption and canopy-based micro-retailing, thereby improving value chains and market access for smallholder farmers. In addition, two District-Level Farmers' Fairs were



organized under the project. A Farmers' Fair at Nahan, inaugurated by Worthy DC Sirmaur Ms. Priyanka Verma, provided a platform for over 300 farmers to showcase produce grown through sustainable methods. Similarly, a District-Level Farmers' Fair and Voluntary Blood Donation Camp was held on 25th December 2025 at the Farmers' Training Centre, Sundernagar, organized by the DPMU, Mandi, with ADM Mandi Dr. Madan Kumar as Chief Guest and SDM Sundernagar Amar Negi, who encouraged farmers to adopt sustainable and market-linked agricultural practices.

Institutional development under HPCDP-II also took a leap forward with the establishment of a Farmer Consortium at Chaitru, bringing together 21 FPOs, cooperatives and private agri-entrepreneurs. The newly inaugurated Farmer Facilitation Center in Gorda, led by Hon'ble MLA and Deputy Chief Whip of Shahpur, Er. Kewal Singh Pathania, provides an organized platform for grading, packaging, and marketing produce, helping farmers secure fair prices while reducing dependence on intermediaries. I take this opportunity to commend the dedicated efforts of our district and block project teams, partner institutions and progressive farmers, whose commitment ensures that HPCDP-II remains a model of sustainable agricultural development. By strengthening technical capacities, encouraging youth participation in agriculture, and promoting market-linked natural farming, we are collectively working towards a future where agriculture in Himachal Pradesh is resilient, remunerative, and environmentally sustainable.

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1. Project Progress

1.1 Minor Irrigation Infrastructure Works

A. DPMU HAMIRPUR

The District Project Management Unit (DPMU), Hamirpur, has been assigned a revised target of developing 47 irrigation schemes with the objective of enhancing irrigation capacity over approximately 825.31 hectares of agricultural land. With a proactive approach to planning and implementation, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been prepared for 46 sub-projects and all these DPRs were reviewed and recommended by the Project Management Consultancy (PMC) and subsequently approved by the State Project Management Unit (SPMU).

Following these approvals, tenders were floated for 45 sub-projects and construction work has commenced in 29 subprojects. Upto January, 2026, eight sub-projects under DPMU, Hamirpur were completed and handed over to the KVAs. These include LIS Dakho, LIS Gharrat, LIS Khatrod, FIS Kothi Batala Jyora, LIS Kamlota, LIS Thaon, TWIS Pathak Mohalla (Ispur) and TWIS Khwaja. These completed sub-projects will irrigate approximately 61.48 hectares of Cultivable Command Area (CCA), benefiting around 350 no. of farmer families.



B. DPMU PALAMPUR

The DPMU, Palampur, is actively taking initiative for the irrigation development under a revised target of 104 of sub-projects, aiming to enhance irrigation capacity across 4,003.51 hectares of agricultural land. Up to January 2026, DPRs for 99 sub-projects had been prepared, reviewed and recommended by the PMC & subsequently received formal approval from the SPMU. On getting approvals, tenders were issued for 90 sub-projects and contracts for 85 sub-projects were awarded,

marking a significant milestone in project implementation. Construction work has commenced on all 85 awarded sub-projects. Out of these, 48 sub-projects have been completed and handed over to the respective local KVAs by various BPMUs under DPMU Palampur up to January 2026. The completed sub-projects collectively cover nearly 1,532.61 hectares of CCA and are benefiting 6,482 farmer families.





C. DPMU MANDI

The DPMU, Mandi is actively implementing irrigation schemes through 86 sub-projects aimed at enhancing irrigation capacity over 2,204.68 hectares of agricultural land. By January 2026, the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for all 86 sub-projects had been completed, reviewed and recommended by the PMC and subsequently approved by the SPMU. The tenders have been floated for 84 sub-projects, and contracts have been awarded for 77 sub-projects by January 2026. The DPMU-Mandi has successfully completed and handed over 59 sub-projects. During December 2025 & January 2026, eight sub-projects were completed by various

BPMUs. The BPMU Sarkaghat completed two sub-projects (FIS Thoin and LIS Yoh), the BPMU Gohar completed three sub-projects (LIS Kotlu, FIS Kharkhan Khad to Lehoti, and FIS Gawad), the BPMU Kullu completed one sub-project (FIS Falatnallah), while BPMU Mandi completed two sub-projects (FIS Pajja Nalla to Upper Sakroha and FIS Thandi Bawdi to Bhadyal). All these sub-projects have been handed over to the respective KVAs. The recently completed sub-projects provide irrigation facilities to about 203.63 hectares of agricultural land, benefiting 1,046 farmer families.



D. DPMU SOLAN

The District Project Management Unit, Solan, has been thriving on development irrigation to cover assigned 59 sub-projects. The strong commitment to strengthening irrigation capacity in these sub-projects will benefit farmers over 1,427.63 hectares of agricultural land in the DPMU. As of January 2026, as many as 55 DPRs have been prepared for the sub-projects, all of which have been reviewed and recommended by the PMC and approval by the SPMU. All the cleared 55 sub-projects are at various stages of the tendering process and work has commenced on 54 sub-projects.

By January 2026, a total of 43 sub-projects under BPMU Solan, Nahan and Rampur (falling under DPMU Solan) have been completed and handed over to the respective

local KVAs. During December 2025 and January 2026, the BPMU Rampur completed two construction sub-projects (FIS Moorang Nallah to Karba and FIS Nichla Bhatari), while BPMU Solan completed one sub-project (FIS Damkari to Kanah), which has been handed over to the local KVA. These recently completed sub-projects together cover a total command area of 79.15 hectares and benefit 251 farmer families. Overall, the District Project Management Unit, Solan has completed construction work on 32 no. of sub-projects and handed them over to local KVAs, covering a total CCA of approximately 625.98 hectares and benefiting around 2,351 no. of farmer families.





1.2 KVA Formation, SDP Preparation & Training Camps

A. DPMU HAMIRPUR

The jurisdiction of DPMU Hamirpur is spread across the three administrative districts of Hamirpur, Bilaspur & Una and a total of 57 (47+10) sub-projects have been proposed to be taken up across DPMU Hamirpur. Under the DPMU Hamirpur, the BPMUs of Hamirpur, Bilaspur & Una have constituted 59 KVAs and registered 54 KVAs under the H.P. Society Registration Act, 2006. By January

2026, baseline surveys had been completed for 58 sub-projects and 51 Sub-Project Development Plans (SDPs) were prepared. Furthermore, during December and January 2026, a total of 62 training camps were organized, in which 1384 farmers participated. These camps were aimed at creating awareness and motivating farmers to actively participate in project activities.



B. DPMU PALAMPUR

The activities of the DPMU Palampur are spread across two districts of Kangra & Chamba having 104 sub-projects to be developed for sustainable agriculture for upliftment of farmers. Up to January 2026, significant progress has been made under DPMU Palampur and 97 KVAs have been formed for the subprojects, out of which 93 KVAs have been registered. Online baseline surveys have been completed for 87 sub-projects. The Subproject

Development Plans (SDPs) have been prepared for 81 subprojects. During December and January 2026, the DPMU Palampur actively organizing 597 training camps, with participation from 3300 farmers. These training programmes were conducted by Extension Officers at the subproject levels through their respective Satellite Offices, which are small units established between the subproject and BPMU offices under the HPCDP-II Project.





C. DPMU MANDI

The DPMU Mandi has been entrusted to cover Mandi, Kullu & Lahaul & Spiti districts for developing a total of 86 sub-projects for providing irrigation and other infrastructure, besides the capacity development of the farmers. By January 2026, DPMU Mandi has made substantial progress in organising KVAs. The KVAs have been constituted in all the 86 sub-project areas, which have also been successfully registered. Online baseline surveys have also been completed for all the 86



D. DPMU SOLAN

The DPMU Solan is spread across four districts of Shimla, Kinnaur, Solan & Sirmour. A total of 59 sub-projects have been proposed to be taken up across these districts. As of January 2026, remarkable progress has been achieved by forming 55 KVAs, out of which 54 KVAs have been registered under the HP Societies Registration Act 2006. Online baseline surveys have been completed for 55 sub-projects, and 49 Subproject Development Plans



subprojects preparing Subproject Development Plans (SDPs). Community engagement for capacity development has remained a key focus, as evidenced by the organization of 90 training camps, with the participation of 1500 farmers, who were sensitized about the project objectives and activities. These efforts highlight DPMU Mandi's strong commitment to systematic planning and active stakeholders' participation.



(SDPs) have been prepared. Under the community engagement for capacity development, 49 training camps have been organised, in which 2820 farmers participated to gain awareness about the project objectives and activities. These efforts reflect the project's strong commitment to strategic planning and active community involvement.





2. Special Programs

2.1 Hon'ble Minister Er. Rajesh Dharmani Visited JICA Agriculture Stall

Hon'ble Technical Education, Vocational & Industrial Training Minister, Er. Rajesh Dharmani visited the Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project's stall displaying natural products HIM Haldi, HIM Dalia & HIM Atta at the Jal Tarang Josh Mahotsav–2025 at Bilaspur. The Mahotsav was organised from 21st to 23rd November, 2025 by the Bilaspur District Red Cross Society. The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Minister Er. Rajesh Dharmani. On the closing day of Jal Tarang Josh Mahotsav, a total of nine jars of 75gm, one jar of 400 gm and five jars of 200 gm of HIM Haldi were sold at the stall.



2.2 Hon'ble MLA Smt. Kamlesh Thakur Promotes Natural Farming Products

Hon'ble MLA Smt. Kamlesh Thakur, on 10th December 2025 at Dehra, appreciated the dedicated efforts of local farmers and project teams behind the promotion of Him Haldi, Him-Bhog Atta & Him-Bhog Dalia under the Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project–II. The Block Project Manager, Dehra, briefed Hon'ble MLA Smt. Kamlesh Thakur about the availability of wheat flour and dalia prepared from naturally grown wheat under the project, for the general public. Both products were presented to her on the occasion. She urged the officials of the HPCDP-II Project to create awareness among the public about the benefits and qualities of these natural farming products, so that the people of the state can fully benefit from the government's progressive initiatives.





2.3 Strengthening Farmer Networks & Market Linkages:

Project Director & CEO of the Harvesting Farmer Network (HFN) Visit Chaitru

Mr. Ruchit Garg, the CEO of the Harvesting Farmer Network (HFN) and Dr. Sunil Chauhan, the Project Director, visited the District Project Management Unit (DPMU), Palampur, on 9th December to explore collaborative efforts with farmer groups. They assessed the progress related to farmer groups, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and the expansion of agri-business activities under the project. The team visited the office and collection centre at Chaitru under BPMU Dharamshala; the collection centre and retail outlet at Bhattoo under BPMU Palampur; and the grain processing unit at Birta under BPMU Dehra.

They also interacted with several local entrepreneurs and

Project Director also issued specific directions to the field staff, including:

- Identifying suitable farmers in the model clusters of BPMU Dharamshala and Kangra, with the support of entrepreneur Mr. Vikas Sareen, to adopt the vertical farming model developed by Ms. Bharti Bhuria.

FPO representatives, including Mr. Anoop of “Pahad Organics,” Mr. Vikas Sareen of “Dhauladhar Milk,” Ms. Bharti Bhuria of “Hill Sprouts,” Mr. Vishal Chaudhary of “Chamba Kangra Tribal Honey,” Mr. Paritosh Sharma of “Bharna FPC,” and Mr. Ajay Thakur of “B&W Organic.”

Mr. Ruchit, CEO of Harvesting Farmer Network, appreciated the continuous efforts being made under the project to strengthen value chains, support agri-entrepreneurs and promote market-linked production systems. He expressed interest in collaborating further through the Harvesting Farmer Network platform to scale up these initiatives.

- Linking roadside vegetable vendors in the project area with beneficiary farmers engaged in vegetable production and developing a canopy-based micro-retailing model with basic branding, marketing and value chain support.



2.4 Promotion of Natural Farming Products under HPCDP-II Project in Kullu and Lahaul & Spiti

The staff of Kullu apprised the Hon'ble MLAs Ms. Anuradha Rana (Lahaul & Spiti) and Shri Sunder Thakur (Kullu) about activities being undertaken by the Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project-II, JICA-ODA. Block Project Manager, Kullu called upon the dignitaries and briefed them about the project activities, with a special focus on the promotion of natural farming products.

The BPM, Kullu highlighted the Himachal Pradesh Government's initiative to promote natural farming by procuring naturally grown wheat, turmeric and maize from farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP) and developing value-added products such as Him Haldi, Him Atta & Him Dalia. These products were presented to both the dignitaries. The purpose and need to enhance



consumer awareness and promote the health benefits and quality of natural farming products were explained, so that farmers receive better market support and the public adopts safe, chemical-free food options.

The MLAs were also informed that alongside irrigation development and agricultural infrastructure strengthening, the project is actively encouraging

sustainable and market-linked agriculture, including natural farming practices. He reiterated that with improved irrigation infrastructure and parallel promotion of natural farming produce such as Him Haldi, Him Dalia, and Him Atta, the project aims to strengthen farmers' incomes while ensuring safe and high-quality agricultural products for consumers.



2.5 Project-District Level Farmers' Fair organized at Nahan

The Deputy Commissioner of Sirmaur, Ms. Priyanka Verma inaugurated the District-Level Farmers' Fair held at Nahan on 4th January 2026 under the Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project-II. The event encouraged farmers to adopt natural, chemical-free farming to ensure safe food production and secure better prices, benefiting both growers and consumers. Around 300–500 farmers from various self-help groups participated, showcasing produce grown through sustainable methods. The fair included training sessions on tailoring, dairy management and mobile-based support, highlighting the project's efforts in providing irrigation, modern technology and marketing assistance. Ms. Priyanka Verma emphasized that the Crop Diversification Project has been instrumental in supporting farmers by improving farming practices and

strengthening their livelihoods. She noted that farmers associated with the project expressed satisfaction and appreciation for the initiative, demonstrating its success in promoting prosperity and sustainable agriculture. District Project Manager, Dr. Rajender Thakur, shared that under DPMU Solan, three block units — Solan, Sirmaur, and Rampur — are implementing approximately 59 sub-projects, benefitting around 4,000 farmers to date. The Project Director of ATMA also addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of natural farming and encouraging its adoption as a standard practice. The fair successfully motivated farmers to embrace sustainable agricultural practices, showcasing the positive impact of natural farming on both productivity and community welfare.





2.6 Review of Farmer Consortium at Chaitru and Sub-Project Dawad in Kangra ahead of Mid-Term JICA Review Mission

The Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project (HPCDP-II) is making significant strides in both institutional development and irrigation interventions to enhance farmer livelihoods.

As part of institutional innovation under the project, a consortium of farmers' organizations is being established with its active office at Chaitru, near Kangra. This initiative was reviewed during a visit by Dr. Sunil Chauhan, Project Director, along with Senior Consultant Mr. Baljeet Sandhu. The visit also included Mr. Ruchit Garg, CEO of the Harvesting Farmers Network (HFN), to oversee progress in establishing the consortium and its operational centre.

The consortium aims to bring together Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), cooperatives and agri-entrepreneurs on a common platform to strengthen value chain integration, market linkages, collective marketing, processing, branding and value realization for farmers. At present, 21 enterprises, including FPOs, cooperatives,

and private agri-entrepreneurs, are converging to form the consortium, with more expected to join. Detailed discussions were held on the institutional framework and operational modalities to ensure a robust platform that will benefit farmers across the project area. Directions were issued to BPMU teams and stakeholders to complete all necessary arrangements, documentation, coordination mechanisms, and presentations in time for the launch during the Mid-Term JICA Review Mission.

In parallel, the Flow Irrigation Scheme (FIS) Dawad under BPMU Dehra was inspected ahead of the Mid-Term JICA Review Mission to assess on-ground progress and readiness for showcasing project outcomes. The Dawad sub-project covers a cultivated command area of 71.78 hectares, completed at a cost of ₹1.26 crore, and benefits 184 farming families. Implemented under HPCDP-II, JICA-ODA, the scheme has significantly enhanced irrigation facilities, improved cropping intensity, and increased income opportunities for farmers.





2.7 Inauguration of Farmer Facilitation Center under HPCDP-II

Farmer Facilitation Center was opened at village Gorda in Shahpur Assembly Constituency, which was built with an investment of ₹ 21.30 lakh under the Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project-II (HPCDP-II), supported by JICA-ODA. The center was inaugurated by Hon'ble MLA and Deputy Chief Whip of Shahpur, Er. Kewal Singh Pathania.

Addressing the gathering, Er. Kewal Singh Pathania highlighted that the center represents a significant achievement for farmers in the region. He noted that the facility will provide farmers with an organized and efficient platform for collection, grading, packaging and marketing of agricultural produce, ensuring sustained income growth. He emphasized that the HPCDP-II, supported by JICA, is a key initiative aimed at strengthening farmers' livelihoods and promoting agriculture as a profitable enterprise.

He further informed that under HPCDP-II, total of six sub-projects are being implemented in the Shahpur Assembly constituency with an investment of approximately ₹ 6.75 crore, directly benefiting around 1,500 farming families.

The Farmer Facilitation Center is expected to enhance market linkages, storage, and value addition of agricultural produce, reducing dependence on middlemen and ensuring that farmers receive fair and profitable prices for their produce. The event was attended by District Project Manager, Palampur, Yoginder Pal Kaushal, who welcomed the Deputy Chief Whip and provided a detailed overview of the various initiatives under the JICA-supported HPCDP project. Also present were SDM Shahpur Kartar Chand, BMO Shahpur Dr. Kavita, Principal ITI Shahpur Chain Singh, Shahpur Municipal Council Chairperson Usha Sharma, Subject Experts Dr. Rajnish Sharma and Dr. Vivek Kanwar, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Amit Dogra, Assistant Engineers Razzak Mohammad and Vikram Sharma, Congress leader DD Sharma, Zila Parishad member Nina Thakur, advisors to the Deputy Chief Whip Vinay and Pradeep Balouria, BDO Rait Kamaljeet, Assistant Engineer PWD Vipul Punj, Range Officer Sumit Sharma, as well as the entire staff of the JICA Block Office and several local citizens.





2.8 ADM Dr. Madan Kumar highlighted crop diversification, natural farming & community participation in the farmers' fair

A district-level Farmers' Fair and Voluntary Blood Donation Camp was organized on 25th December, 2025, at the Community Hall of the Farmers' Training Centre, Sundernagar, under Phase II of the Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project by the District Project Management Unit, Mandi.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADM) Mandi, Dr. Madan Kumar, attended the event as the Chief Guest. Project Director, Dr. Sunil Chauhan and SDM Sundernagar Amar Negi were present as special guests.

Dr. Madan Kumar inspected the exhibitions put up by various farmer groups and honoured members who demonstrated outstanding performance. He also reviewed the voluntary blood donation camp, where a large number of participants enthusiastically donated blood, reflecting their sense of social responsibility. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Madan Kumar highlighted the importance of crop diversification, natural farming and community participation. He stated that such events are highly beneficial for farmers. Emphasizing the relevance of the slogan "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan," he described farmers as the nation's food providers and added "Jai Vigyan," encouraging the adoption of modern

technologies to enhance production and income. He said increasing farmers' income is a key objective of the government, which is being pursued through modern technology, improved marketing facilities, and capacity-building initiatives.

Expressing gratitude to the blood donors, Dr. Madan Kumar said that blood donation is a noble act and that timely availability of blood can save many precious lives. He urged youth and citizens to come forward for voluntary blood donation. Project Director Dr. Sunil Chauhan said that under HPCDP Project-II, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for 86 irrigation schemes have been prepared in the district, benefiting 2,194.90 hectares of land. Out of these, 42 schemes have been completed, 36 are under construction and 27 schemes have been handed over to KVA, benefiting 10,873 farming families. He further stated that under 54 sub-projects promoting crop diversification, vegetable cultivation has been initiated on more than 40 percent of the area. In addition, farmers' incomes are being strengthened through agricultural link roads, solar fencing, farm mechanization, training programs, dairy units, and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).



3. Media Coverage of Project Activities

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सुंदरनगर, 25 दिसम्बर (शेरी): जिला परियोजना प्रबंधन इकाई मंडी द्वारा हिमाचल प्रदेश फसल विविधकरण प्रोत्साहन परियोजना-दो कृषि विभाग के अंतर्गत खीरखर को सुंदरनगर में जिला स्तरीय किसान समूह मेला एवं स्वीचिड रक्तदान शिविर का आयोजन किया गया।

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सुंदरनगर : प्रदर्शनियों का अवलोकन करते मुख्यातिथि।

(शेरी)

उत्कृष्ट कार्य करने वाले किसान समूहों के सदस्यों को सम्मानित किया। उन्होंने स्वीचिड रक्तदान शिविर का भी अवलोकन किया, जिसमें बड़ी संख्या में प्रतिभागियों ने उत्साहपूर्वक

रक्तदान कर सामाजिक दायित्व का परिचय दिया। डा. मदन कुमार ने जय जवान, जय किसान नारे की प्रार्थना पर बल देते हुए कहा कि किसान हमारे अन्नदाता हैं तथा जय

विज्ञान को इससे जोड़ते हुए आधुनिक तकनीकों के प्रयोग से उत्पादन और आय बढ़ाने का आह्वान किया।

उन्होंने रक्तदाताओं का आभार व्यक्त करते हुए कहा कि रक्तदान महादान है और समय पर उपलब्ध कराया गया रक्त अनेक अमूल्य जिंदगियां बचा सकता है। परियोजना निदेशक डा. सुनील चौहान ने बताया एच.पी.सी.डी.पी.-दो परियोजना के तहत जिले में 86 सिंचाई योजनाओं की डी.पी.आर. तैयार की गई है, जिसमें 2,194.90 हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र लक्ष्यित हो रहा है।

कार्यक्रम में डी.पी.एम. मंडी डा. हेमराज वर्मा, प्रधानाचार्य कृषक प्रशिक्षण केंद्र डा. प्राची, कृषि विज्ञान केंद्र की वैज्ञानिक डा. शकुंतला राठी, हिमाचल किसान युनियन के अध्यक्ष सीता राम वर्मा सहित जिला मंडी व कुल्लू के किसान, स्वयं सहायता समूहों के सदस्य, कृषि विभाग के अधिकारी, कर्मचारी एवं अन्य गण्यमान्य व्यक्ति उपस्थित रहे।

तीन दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण शिविर में दी प्राकृतिक खेती की जानकारी



प्रशिक्षण शिविर में भाग लेने वाले सामुदायिक प्रेरक वैज्ञानिकों के साथ।

सवेरा न्यूज/आरपी ठाकुर कंडाघाट, : जिला परियोजना प्रबंधन इकाई सोलन द्वारा तीन दिवसीय प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम का सफल आयोजन 17 से 19 जनवरी तक किया गया। प्रशिक्षण सिंचाई की मूलभूत जानकारी एवं कृषि उत्पादन में वृद्धि आधारित रहा। शिविर में जिला सोलन, सिरमौर एवं शिमला से आए सामुदायिक प्रेरकों ने भाग लिया। प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम के दौरान सेवानिवृत्त सखी वैज्ञानिक डा.एच.आर. शर्मा केविके कंडाघाट ने सखी फसलों की उत्पादकता बढ़ाने में सिंचाई की भूमिका पर विस्तार से चर्चा की। वहीं, सेवानिवृत्त विभागाध्यक्ष पादप रोग विज्ञान यूएचएफ नौणी ने फसलों में रोग प्रबंधन के लिए पर्वावरण अनुकूल इन्को-फ्रेंडली विधियों पर महत्वपूर्ण जानकारी साझा की। डा. राजेंद्र ठाकुर जिला परियोजना प्रबंधक सोलन ने प्राकृतिक खेती के माध्यम से जल उपयोग दक्षता बढ़ाने एवं जल संरक्षण की भूमिका पर किसानों को जागरूक किया। प्रशिक्षण के अंतर्गत प्रतिभागियों का वीडियोस बैटरी फ़र्म का भ्रमण भी कराया गया जहां जीवामृत का प्रदर्शन व प्राकृतिक खेती के अंतर्गत विकसित प्रदर्शन प्लॉट को किसानों को दिखाया गया और इसकी उपयोगिता समझाई गई। इस अवसर पर डा. तनवी सूद कृषि विशेषज्ञ, डा. ऐश्वर्या कृषि अधिकारी, निशांत मार्केटिंग अधिकारी, हिमानी कृषि विशेषज्ञ और अभिषेक चौहान कृषि विस्तार अधिकारी भी प्रशिक्षण के दौरान उपस्थित रहे।

शाहपुर में किसान सुविधा केंद्र का लोकार्पण, 1500 किसान परिवार होंगे लाभान्वित



धर्मशाला : गोरड़ा गांव में किसान सुविधा केंद्र का लोकार्पण करते उप मुख्य सचेतक केवल सिंह पटानिया। (न्यूरे)

धर्मशाला, 16 जनवरी (ब्यूरो): शाहपुर विधानसभा क्षेत्र के गोरछ गांव में फसल विविधीकरण प्रोत्साहन परियोजना-2 (एच.पी.सी.डी.पी.) के तहत जायका-ओ.डी.ए. के सहयोग से 21.30 लाख रुपए की लागत से निर्मित किसान सुविधा केंद्र का लोकार्पण विधायक एवं उप मुख्य सचेतक केवल सिंह पटानिया ने किया। उन्होंने बताया कि शाहपुर क्षेत्र में एच.पी.सी.डी.पी. की 6 उप-योजनाओं पर करीब 6.75 करोड़ रुपए व्यय किए जा रहे हैं, जिससे लगभग 1500 किसान परिवारों को सीधा लाभ मिलेगा। इस केंद्र से किसानों को संग्रहण, ग्रेडिंग, पैकेजिंग और विपणन की बेहतर सुविधा मिलेगी तथा उन्हें अपनी उपज का उचित मूल्य प्राप्त होगा।

छकोह गांव में गोभी के बीज का उत्पादन शुरू

18 बीघा पर बीज उत्पादन से मिलेगी नई पहचान



छकोह गांव में गोभी के बीज के लिए तैयार की जा रही फसल। -स्रोत : डीपीआरओ

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बिलासपुर। छकोह गांव में पहली बार गोभी के बीज का उत्पादन शुरू किया गया है। यह पहल भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान संस्थान, कृषि विभाग और जाइका के संयुक्त प्रयासों से की गई है। इस परियोजना से क्षेत्र के किसानों के लिए नई संभावनाएं पैदा हुई हैं।

परियोजना के अंतर्गत लगभग 18 बीघा भूमि में किसानों की ओर से गोभी की बीज फसल लगाई गई है। साथ ही किसानों को आधुनिक कृषि तकनीकों से जोड़ने के उद्देश्य से जाइका के कृषि विशेषज्ञ समय-समय पर खेतों का निरीक्षण

कर रहे हैं और तकनीकी मार्गदर्शन प्रदान कर रहे हैं। बीपीएम जाइका पवन कुमार ने बताया कि कृषि विभाग की ओर से आवश्यकता अनुसार कीटनाशक, पेस्टिसाइड और अन्य कृषि सामग्री उपलब्ध कराई जा रही है, जिससे फसल की गुणवत्ता और उत्पादन क्षमता में वृद्धि हो सके।

किसानों ने इस पहल के लिए भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान संस्थान, कृषि विभाग और जाइका का आभार व्यक्त किया है। किसानों का कहना है कि इस प्रयास से आने वाले समय में उनकी आय में वृद्धि होगी और क्षेत्र को बीज उत्पादन के क्षेत्र में नई पहचान मिलेगी।

नाहन में जिला स्तरीय किसान मेले का आयोजन

डीसी सिरमौर ने किया शुभारंभ, मेले में लगाई प्रदर्शनी का अवलोकन भी किया

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जिला मुख्यालय नाहन में रविवार को कृषि विभाग हिमाचल प्रदेश के तत्वावधान में जिला परियोजना प्रबंधन इकाई सोलन की ओर से जिला स्तरीय किसान मेले का आयोजन किया गया। यह मेला फसल विविधकरण प्रोत्साहन योजना चरण-दो के तहत जायका वित्तपोषित परियोजना के अंतर्गत किसान भवन नाहन में आयोजित हुआ। किसान मेले के शुभारंभ से पूर्व डीसी सिरमौर प्रियंका वर्मा ने मेले में लगाई गई प्रदर्शनी का अवलोकन किया। प्रदर्शनी में जिलाभर के किसानों द्वारा प्राकृतिक खेती से तैयार उत्पाद प्रदर्शित किए गए थे। डीसी सिरमौर प्रियंका वर्मा ने किसानों से संवाद किया, उनके प्रयासों की सराहना की और प्राकृतिक खेती को भविष्य की दिशा बताया। इस दौरान उन्होंने किसानों का मनोबल



भी बढ़ाया। इसके उपरांत डीसी सिरमौर प्रियंका वर्मा ने दीप प्रज्वलित कर किसान मेले का औपचारिक शुभारंभ किया। इस अवसर पर जिला परियोजना प्रबंधक राजेंद्र सिंह ठक्कर द्वारा डीसी सिरमौर को शाल और टोपी पहनाकर सम्मानित किया गया। डीसी सिरमौर प्रियंका वर्मा ने जानकारी देते हुए बताया कि

जायका वित्तपोषित इस योजना के तहत प्रदेश के चार जिलों में कुल चार हजार किसानों को शामिल किया गया है। इनमें से अंकेले जिला सिरमौर के दो हजार किसान इस योजना का लाभ उठा रहे हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि ऐसे किसान मेले किसानों को योजनाओं से जोड़ने और खेती को लाभकारी बनाने में अहम भूमिका निभाते हैं।

500 से अधिक किसानों ने लिया भाग

इस किसान मेले में सिरमौर और सोलन जिला के करीब 500 से अधिक किसानों ने भाग लिया। कृषि विभाग के अधिकारी और तकनीकी विशेषज्ञ मौके पर मौजूद रहे। किसानों को प्राकृतिक खेती, सिंचाई संसाधन, आधुनिक तकनीक और विपणन से जुड़ी जानकारी दी गई। कार्यक्रम में परियोजना मुख्य प्रबंधक डॉ. राजेंद्र सिंह ठक्कर, जिला कृषि उपनिदेशक डॉ. राजकुमार, अतमा परियोजना के निदेशक साहिब सिंह, ब्लॉक प्रोजेक्ट मैनेजर पवन कुमार, ब्लॉक प्रोजेक्ट मैनेजर सोलन युवराज, ब्लॉक प्रोजेक्ट मैनेजर रामपुर बुटहर जितेंद्र कुमार सहित परियोजना से जुड़े अन्य अधिकारी उपस्थित रहे। किसान मेले में सिरमौर और सोलन जिला, विशेषकर कुनिस्वर क्षेत्र के किसानों द्वारा प्राकृतिक खेती से तैयार उत्पादों की आकर्षक प्रदर्शनियां लगाई गईं। प्राकृतिक तरीके से उगाई गई दालें, फल और सब्जियां मेले का प्रमुख आकर्षण रहीं।



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