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DR. SUNIL CHAUHAN ASKED PROJECT STAFF TO GEAR UP TO INTEGRATE PRODUCTION SYSTEMS WITH AGRIBUSINESS NETWORK

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Hamirpur, May 8:

Dr Sunil Chauhan, the Project Director of the HP Crop Diversification Promotion Project-II, JICA-ODA, urged the project staff of the District Project Management Unit, Mandi to gear up the activities of the project to integrate production systems with the agribusiness network to maximize the returns of the farmers in this hilly state.

Dr. Chauhan was presiding over the monthly review of the project activities of the DPMU-Mandi on Friday (May 08, 2026) here.

The Deputy Project Directors Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Dr. Kartar Dogra, the SMSs from the SPMU Dr Ashish Anand, Dr Rakesh Sharma and Dr Anu Yadav and the experts of the Project Management Consultancy were also present at the meeting.

The review meeting of the DPMU, Mandi was attended by the DPM Mandi Dr HR Verma and BPM of Kullu Dr Jayant Rattna, BPM Gohar-Dr Narender Kumar, BPMU Sarkaghat Dr. Ashwani Kumar, SMS Dr Khub Ram Thakur, ADO-Dr. Vinit, ADO Dr. Gagan along with their extension & engineering staff.

The Project Director asked the project staff to percolate the concepts of activities of the project to the cross sections of the society so that each one in project area understands what the project is doing for the welfare of the farmers.

Dr. Chauhan informed the DPMU officials about the appreciation of the project progress by the JICA India and shared his gratitude for the efforts made at all levels by the staff. He further said that the JICA India wants the project focus on Agri

-Business & Entrepreneurship development in the future & the micro levels activities like that of the SHEP/ JICA Vegetable Gardens to be strengthened in the state. The next stage will adopt the consumer focus approach backed by IEC.

Dr. Sunil Chauhan reiterated the project staff of DPM, Mandi to speed up the field work on all the four components as per the Annual Plan of Operations (APO) to achieve physical and the financial targets. He said that the DPM and the BPMs must remind the field functionaries and the staff every week for ensuring implementation of the targeted tasks of the project.

The Project Director said that the Engineering Division has started a system to monitor the infrastructure development. And abridge the gaps He said it is essential to incorporate livelihood activities & gender equality in the mainstream.

Dr. Sunil Chauhan emphasized to make efforts to implement the the next generation program and be ready for conducting the competitions among school students to popularize agriculture and allied fields as areas of their avocations

