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REVIEW OF FARMERS SUPPORT ACTIVITIES HELD AT BIRTA (KANGRA) *Dr Sunil Chauhan asks experts to focus on farmers welfare



Birta (Kangra) 20 May:

Under the Himachal Pradesh Agriculture Department and Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project Phase-II (JICA-ODA), a review meeting of Extension Officers of BPMU Dharamshala and Dehra was organized on 20th May, 2026 at the Satellite Office, Birta. The meeting was attended by Dr. R.K. Sharma and Dr. P.L. Sharma, PMC Experts from SPMU. Dr. Vivek Kanwer, Block Project Manager, presented the progress achieved under Farmer Support Activities in BPMU Dharamshala and Dehra.

Dr Sunil Chauhan, the Project Director of the HP Crop Diversification Project –II, JICA-ODA, has said that the visits of the experts for capacity building of the staff and providing technical support to the farmers in their fields is a welcome step to ensure desired outcomes in Crop Diversification and post harvest activities and strengthening of the agribusiness linkages for the welfare of the farmers.

During the meeting, discussions were held regarding strengthening farmer support activities, promotion of crop diversification, adoption of

modern agricultural technologies and linking agriculture with agribusiness for enhancement of farmers' income. The PMC Experts emphasized timely implementation and effective monitoring of project activities at field level.

A field inspection and farmers' interaction programme was organized at the Flow Irrigation Scheme (FIS) "Pulwali Kuhal" in Gram Panchayat Kachhiyari. The scheme covers approximately 102.22 hectares of agricultural land and is benefiting farmers through improved irrigation facilities.

The PMC Experts along with Extension Officers visited the site and interacted with farmers. The team also inspected the farm of progressive farmer Sh. Sushil Kumar and provided technical guidance regarding prevention and management of diseases and insect-pests in cucurbit crops. Farmers were motivated to adopt scientific farming practices for enhancing productivity and income.

