



HIMACHAL PRADESH JICA AGRICULTURE PROJECT-II

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HP JICA Agriculture Project exploring tie-up with OJI India for Production & Post Harvest Interventions



Hamirpur, May 22:

A virtual meeting was held with representatives of OJI India BizDev and Management Pvt Ltd to explore potential collaboration opportunities for Production & Post Harvest Interventions in the Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project (HPCDP-II), JICA-ODA. Dr. Sunil Chauhan, the Project Director of the Project chaired the virtual meeting.

Detailed discussions were held on the proposed engagement model for conducting pilot trials of sustainable use of Paper Mulching Sheets, Cal-Fresh Packaging Technology and Corrugated Packaging solutions aimed at strengthening sustainable vegetable cultivation and post-harvest management practices.

The proposed trials are likely to be rolled out during the Rabi Sea-

son 2026 across selected BPMUs for the cultivation of crops such as Broccoli, Cauliflower, Potato, Pea, Cabbage, etc. The initiative is expected to support improved crop management, reduce post-harvest losses, enhance packaging and transportation efficiency, and promote environmentally sustainable agricultural practices among farmers under the project.

Both the sides also discussed issues regarding long-term feasibility of introducing such technologies in the State, particularly for small-scale FPOs, to support capital creation, strengthen agri-based infrastructure and generate employment opportunities for local farming communities.

The proposed collaboration is expected to contribute towards enhancement of farmers' income, promotion of value-chain development, and encouragement of sustainable and market-oriented agriculture in Himachal Pradesh.

