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SPECIAL DIARY

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FIELD INSPECTION OF DEMONSTRATION PLOTS CONDUCTED AT FIS THOIN Experts stress adoption of scientific crop management practices for enhancing farmers' productivity and income



Sarkaghat, 26 May: A field inspection and farmer interaction programme was organized under the Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project-II (JICA-ODA), at FIS Thoin under BPMU Sarkaghat with an objective to strengthen crop demonstration activities and promote scientific farming practices among farmers. The programme was attended by Dr. P.L. Sharma, Dr. R.K. Sharma, Ashwani Kumar (BPM), Nishant Prashar (AO) and Nidhi Sharma (AO).

The team visited and reviewed demonstration plots of Tomato, Capsicum, Strawberry and Cucumber crops established under the project. During the field inspection, experts closely monitored crop growth, plant health,

irrigation systems, nutrient management practices and pest and disease conditions in the fields.

During interaction with farmers, emphasis was laid on the adoption of modern cultivation techniques, proper crop care and scientific management practices



for achieving sustainable agricultural development. Farmers were also encouraged to adopt improved technologies and efficient field practices to enhance

productivity and improve farm income. Technical guidance was provided regarding disease prevention, timely management interventions and crop health maintenance.

The inspection revealed that the Tomato, Capsicum, Strawberry and Cucumber demonstration plots were performing satisfactorily. Recommendations were given for timely irrigation scheduling, balanced nutrient application and regular monitoring of pests and diseases. The field observations and farmer interactions are expected to strengthen demonstration effectiveness and contribute significantly towards increasing agricultural productivity and improving the livelihoods of farmers in the project area.