



HIMACHAL PRADESH JICA AGRICULTURE PROJECT-II

SPECIAL DIARY

HAMIRPUR: 12 JUNE, 2026



Review Meeting on Status of Consortium of FPOs for Strengthening Agribusiness Networking through HFN Held at Chetru-Kangra



Chetru (Kangra), 11 June:

A review meeting for roping in the Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) to the Consortium for strengthening agribusiness networking through the Harvesting Farmers Network (HFN) and to find out the status of the Common Interest Groups (CIGs) for their conversion as FPOs and Self-Help Groups (SHGs), was held at Chetru under the District Project Management Unit (DPMU), Palampur on Thursday (June 11, 2026).

The Deputy Project Director Dr. Rajesh Kumar presided over the meeting. Valuable insights were provided by Mr. Ruchit Garg, CEO of HFN, Dr. Ashok Kumar and Dr. Kartar

Singh (both Deputy Project Directors), Mr. Anil Agarwal, CTL, and Mr. Sudarshan Suryawanshi, FPO Expert of the Project Management Consultancy (PMC).

The extension staff of the project provided information



on sub-projects assigned to them for flagship and other cash crops being cultivated, CIGs being formed for organizing the FPO, and the gaps recorded in the field.

The SPMU team and PMC experts dwelt in detail regarding CIG formation and selection of Board Members for the FPO and covering the farmers engaged in PMVRP, SHEP, JVG and flagship crop demonstrations. The HFN CEO Mr. Ruchit Garg described the details regarding agribusiness networking through the Consortium of existing FPOs and SHGs associated with HPCDP-II, JICA-ODA, and the support required from the extension workers of the project.

The extension staff agreed to provide a detailed action plan through the respective BPMU/DPMU for formation of CIGs, FPOs and agribusiness trial through the Consortium.