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OJI Delegates Assessed Conditions for Eco-Friendly Interventions in Mandi & Gohar Project Blocks



Mandi, 18 June: A delegation from the Japanese OJI Corp visited the Mandi and Gohar project blocks under the District Project Management Unit (DPMU), Mandi, and interacted with farmers to explore opportunities for promoting eco-friendly agricultural technologies on Thursday. The visiting delegation comprised Mr. Masaki Chiba (Director), Mr. Daiki Ikeuchi (Assistant Director), and Mr. Gaurav Bhargad. The team was accompanied by Dr. Hem Raj, DPM, Mandi, along

with Dr. Rajesh Kumar and Narendra Kumar, Block Project Managers of Mandi and Gohar, respectively. Other Agriculture Department officials were also present during the visit.

The representatives of OJI Corp visited the Kehad and Kansa Khad-Palohata sub-project areas for a field assessment. During the visit, the delegation interacted with farmers and discussed the potential of modern agricultural technologies and eco-friendly packaging solutions.

The delegation also visited polyhouses, open-field demonstration plots, and other modern farming interventions in the Kehad and Kansa Khad-Palohata sub-project areas. They reviewed the ongoing agricultural practices and dis-

cussed ways to make these technologies more effective and better suited to local conditions. During a meeting held at DPMU Mandi, discussions focused on eco-friendly agricultural technologies, paper-based mulching, soil moisture conservation practices, weed



management, and reducing plastic pollution. The participants also discussed the challenges faced by farmers in the production, packaging, transportation, and marketing of agricultural produce.

