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30 members of 8 SHGs of Chamba get training on collective empowerment



Chamba, September 10: A capacity-building training programme for members of Self Help Groups (SHGs) was organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Saru, Chamba, under the Himachal Pradesh Crop Diversification Promotion Project (HPCDP), Phase-II, JICA-ODA.

A total of 50 members representing eight SHGs participated in the training from the associated with BPMU Chamba with a focus on strengthening group institutions and promoting sustainable livelihood opportunities for rural women.

The programme aimed to enhance the knowledge, skills and confidence of SHG members in effective group functioning, leadership, record keeping, collective decision-making, livelihood development and economic empowerment.

During the programme, Sh. Rajnish Sharma, SMS, in the presence of Dr. Yoginder Pal Kaushal, District Project Manager, DPMU Palampur, provided an overview of HPCDP Phase-II and highlighted the role of SHGs in strengthening community institutions and promoting diversified livelihood activities. Dr. Bhanu Pratap Singh, BPM Chamba, Dr. Babar, ADO, Mr. Sahil Pathania and Ms. Radhika Kapoor, along with other officials and staff.

Sh. Rajnish explained the purpose and importance, roles and responsibilities of leaders and members, maintenance of records, regular meetings, transparent functioning, leadership development and group management of the SHGs. He emphasized that collective action, income generation and women's empowerment.

Technical sessions were conducted by experts from KVK Chamba, covering important topics such as Nutri-Vegetable Kitchen Gardens, natural farming, nutrition security, vegetable production and preparation of healthy and quality planting material. Dr. Dharminder Kumar Incharge Scientist, KVK Chamba, Dr. Kehar Singh, Scientist, and Dr. Neha, Scientist, provided practical guidance to the participants on adopting improved and sustainable agricultural practices.



Sh. Rakesh Bhatia, District Programme Manager, NRLM, sensitized the participants about various schemes, support mechanisms and opportunities available under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission. He encouraged SHG members to utilize available institutional support and explore group-based livelihood and income-generating activities.

The participants were encouraged to move beyond traditional savings and credit activities and explore opportunities in agriculture, value addition, processing, marketing and other locally viable enterprises.

Dr. Yoginder Pal Kaushal in his address emphasized that the sustainability of SHGs depends on active participation, transparent record keeping, collective decision-making, mutual cooperation and regular capacity building. He encouraged the members to put the knowledge gained during the training into practice and take up sustainable livelihood activities that can contribute to improved household incomes and greater economic independence.