Dr. R. S. Chauhan Shares Expert Insights on Mushroom Cultivation with Farmers in Morni

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Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP), has attended the valedictory function as Chief Guest of a three-day training programme organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Panchkula, at Morni. The programme focused on promoting scientific mushroom production techniques, diversifying agricultural activities and enhancing farmers' income. Around 70 farmers, including women farmers, participated in the training. Dr. Chauhan also delivered an expert lecture on insect/pest management in mushroom.

During his lecture, he highlighted the potential of mushroom cultivation as a viable income-generating activity, particularly for farmers in the Morni hills. He emphasized that adopting modern cultivation techniques and exploring alternative agricultural enterprises could help farmers improve their economic well-being and create additional livelihood opportunities. He also encouraged farmers to adopt sustainable and chemical-free farming practices in line with the Haryana Government's initiatives to promote natural farming in the Morni block.

The three-day training programme covered various aspects of mushroom cultivation, including the production techniques of button mushroom, Dhingri (oyster mushroom), milky mushroom, shiitake, reishi mushroom and other medicinal mushrooms. The scientists from KVK provided technical guidance through digital presentations, practical demonstrations and examples, explaining cultivation methods, compost preparation, nutritional benefits and the commercial potential of different mushroom varieties.

Dr. Chauhan also underlined the advantage of Morni's proximity to the Tricity region of Panchkula, Chandigarh and Mohali, which provides farmers with access to nearby markets for selling their produce. He noted that mushroom cultivation, supported by appropriate technical knowledge and market linkages, could emerge as a promising enterprise for farmers in the region.



Dr. Ashok Kaushik, District Horticulture Officer, Panchkula, also attended the programme and apprised the farmers of various Haryana Government schemes being implemented by the Horticulture Department. He encouraged the participants to take advantage of these schemes to strengthen their agricultural activities.

The programme concluded with the distribution of certificates to all 70 participating farmers. The initiative provided farmers with valuable technical knowledge and encouraged them to explore mushroom cultivation as an additional source of income and sustainable livelihood.