

# CEO Visited Regional Rice Research Station, Kaul to Review Progress on Natural Farming Initiatives

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The Chief Executive Officer of Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP) visited the office of Dr. O. P. Chaudhary, Principal, College of Agriculture and Regional Director, Regional Rice Research Station, Kaul, who is also serving as the Chairman of the Committee on “Promotion of Natural Farming in Haryana” constituted by HKKP.

Dr. O. P. Chaudhary welcomed the CEO's visit and briefed him on the committee's preliminary findings and ongoing initiatives at the Regional Rice Research Station, Kaul. He also shared insights on the experiments being conducted on rice and other crops under natural farming practices and the farmers' growing interest in adopting sustainable techniques.

The meeting was convened to review and revive the activities of the committee which plays a pivotal role in guiding the State's vision towards sustainable and chemical-free agriculture. The committee has been mandated to examine the current status of natural farming in Haryana, covering aspects such as the extent of area under natural farming, existing marketing and certification systems, training and extension infrastructure and policy frameworks that can support farmers in transitioning towards natural methods of cultivation.

During the interaction, the CEO appreciated the initial groundwork done by the committee and highlighted the urgent need to accelerate the preparation of a comprehensive recommendation report. He suggested that the committee should hold regular review meetings, field visits and stakeholder workshops to collect feedback from farmers and experts working in this field. He also emphasized that the recommendations should be practical, farmer-centric and aligned with Haryana's agro-ecological conditions.



Both dignitaries agreed that natural farming is not only an environmental necessity but also an economic opportunity for small and marginal farmers. The committee will now take up a series of consultations and seminars involving scientists, agricultural officers and progressive farmers to frame a set of policy recommendations for the promotion and large-scale adoption of natural farming in Haryana.