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From The Desk of Chairman, Executive Committee, HKKP

It gives me immense pleasure to present the January-June, 2026 edition of the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP) Newsletter. This publication reflects our collective commitment towards strengthening the agricultural sector and enhancing the welfare of our farming community.

During the first half of 2026, HKKP continued to serve as a vital platform for addressing farmers' concerns, facilitating dialogue between stake-



holders and promoting innovative agricultural practices. Through grievance redressal meetings, field visits, interactions with progressive farmers and consultations with experts, we have remained focused on identifying practical solutions to the challenges faced by our farmers.

The Pradhikaran has also encouraged initiatives that promote diversification, value addition, sustainable agriculture and agri-entrepreneurship. Our efforts to support progressive farmers and recommend innovative projects for wider implementation reflect our vision of creating a resilient and prosperous agricultural ecosystem in Haryana.

I extend my sincere appreciation to the officers of various departments, agricultural scientists, experts and farmers whose valuable contributions have strengthened our initiatives. Their dedication continues to inspire us to work with greater commitment.

I am confident that with continued cooperation, innovation and collective effort, we will further accelerate the growth of Haryana's agriculture and improve the livelihoods of our farmers.

My best wishes to all our farmers and stakeholders for continued success and prosperity.

Sh. Rajpal Beniwal

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I am pleased to present the January–June 2026 edition of the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP) Newsletter, highlighting the key initiatives, activities and achievements undertaken during the past six months. At HKKP, our objective has been to ensure that farmers receive timely support, accurate guidance and effective solutions to their concerns. Throughout this period, we have organized grievance redressal meetings, undertaken field visits, engaged with progressive farmers and coordinated with various government departments to facilitate better implementation of farmer-centric schemes and programmes.

The Pradhikaran has continued to promote innovation, agricultural diversification, modern farming practices and entrepreneurship by identifying successful models that can be replicated across the State. We have also strengthened collaboration with technical experts, economists, research institutions and field officers to ensure that policy recommendations are based on practical experiences and the evolving needs of the farming community. This newsletter captures a glimpse of these collective efforts and showcases the commitment of our team towards building a stronger, more sustainable and farmer-friendly agricultural ecosystem.



Dr. R. S. Chauhan

From The Desk of Additional Chief Executive Officer

It is a pleasure to present the January–June 2026 edition of the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP) Newsletter. This issue reflects our continuous efforts to strengthen farmer welfare through effective coordination, timely grievance redressal, and the promotion of innovative agricultural practices. During this period, the Pradhikaran has worked closely with farmers, experts and various departments to facilitate practical solutions and encourage sustainable agricultural development. I sincerely appreciate the dedication of all stakeholders whose contributions have made these initiatives successful. Together, we remain committed to building a progressive, resilient and prosperous agricultural ecosystem for the farmers of Haryana.



Sh. Hitesh Kumar Meena, IAS

Expert Lecture by CEO, HKKP in Training Programme on Mushroom Cultivation for SC women Farmers

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Panchkula organized a five-day training programme on mushroom cultivation from 5th to 9th January, 2026, aimed at the upliftment of



Empowering through learning

livelihoods of Scheduled Caste (SC) women farmers. The training was conducted under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) project with the objective of promoting self-employment and curbing unemployment among rural women.

The programme focused on providing practical knowledge on scientific mushroom cultivation techniques, highlighting its potential as a low-investment and high-return enterprise. As part of the RKVY assistance, spawn and ready-to-use compost will be provided to the participating women farmers to enable them to start mushroom production at their own level. Certificates will also be issued to all the trainees upon successful completion of the programme.

Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP), delivered an expert lecture during the training. He explained the complete process of

mushroom cultivation, including selection of varieties, preparation and management of compost, hygiene practices, harvesting and marketing aspects. He emphasized that mushroom cultivation can play a significant role in enhancing farm income, improving nutrition and generating sustainable self-employment opportunities for women.

The training programme was organized at the KVK Panchkula campus and witnessed enthusiastic participation from SC women farmers of the district. The initiative reflects HKKP's continued commitment to strengthening farmers' livelihoods through skill development, convergence with KVKs and effective



Learning today, leading tomorrow

utilization of RKVY support. Participants appreciated the efforts of HKKP and KVK Panchkula, stating that the training has equipped them with practical knowledge and inputs to start mushroom cultivation as a dependable source of income. The programme marks another step towards inclusive agricultural development and women empowerment in Haryana.

CM Chairs 4th Meeting of HKKP; Emphasis on Natural Farming, Farmer Outreach and Time-Bound Implementation

The 4th meeting of the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP) was held on 28th January at the Haryana Civil Secretariat under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana, to review progress on farmer-centric initiatives and deliberate on key recommendations for strengthening agricultural development in the State. At the outset, the Chief Executive Officer, HKKP, made a detailed presentation highlighting the work carried out by the Pradhikaran so far, major recommendations emerging from various Working Group Reports published by HKKP and the proposal for constituting new thematic working groups for the coming year. The presentation provided an overview of HKKP's role in policy formulation, inter-departmental coordination and improving farmers' income and livelihoods. The Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, in his opening remarks, explained the statutory structure and objectives of HKKP as

envisaged under the Act, emphasizing its mandate to provide strategic direction for sustainable and inclusive agricultural growth in Haryana. During the meeting, the Action Taken Report (ATR) on the decisions of the previous meeting was reviewed. The Authority took note of initiatives undertaken by various departments relating to cooperative farming, soil improvement, water management, crop diversification, rainwater harvesting and the Sanjhi Dairy Project and directed that pending actions be expedited. The Hon'ble Chief Minister laid special emphasis on farmer outreach and capacity building and directed HKKP to prepare a comprehensive annual activity calendar covering seminars, trainings, Kisan Gosthis, fairs and melas, with a targeted and result-oriented approach. He stressed that such platforms should be effectively utilized to make farmers aware of new government initiatives and motivate them to adopt natural and chemical-free farming practices. To promote natural farming, the Chief Minister directed that district-level Kisan Gosthis be organized across Haryana in a phased manner. He further called for the identification of large clusters of at least 5,000 acres where farming would be undertaken strictly as per government directions using natural methods. A Natural Farming Mission calendar was also



Strategic discussion for better outcomes



Meeting in progress

directed to be prepared for systematic implementation. Addressing issues related to organic farming, the Chief Minister underlined the need to resolve certification-related challenges faced by farmers. He directed that collaboration with APEDA be strengthened for certification support and emphasized the establishment of organic certification laboratories and organic mandis. HKKP was also asked to organize awareness and training programmes for organic and natural farming farmers to address their field-level concerns.

The meeting also focused on strengthening seed production and certification within the State. Directions were issued to address seed certification issues and to ensure regular engagement with

farmers involved in seed production through field interactions and training programmes.

On water management and micro-irrigation, the Chief Minister directed MICADA to prepare a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and to promote micro-irrigation in a cluster-based and targeted manner, particularly in water-stressed areas. He also stressed the need for incentives to support farmers during the transition phase from chemical-based to natural farming. The Chief Minister further directed strict monitoring of field-level implementation of schemes, physical verification under crop diversification programmes, prevention of fertilizer leakage and regular assessment of the performance of field officers. Reviewing allied sector initiatives, the Chief Minister called for scaling up the Sanjhi Dairy Project through community dairies with active involvement of Self-Help Groups, especially women farmers and installation of gober gas plants to enhance sustainability. He also directed concerned departments to implement recommendations related



Progress review and future Planning



Launch of Working Group Report for policy making

to poultry development, waterlogging and drainage management and fisheries development, including holding consultations with farmers to address their issues. During the meeting, the Fisheries Development Working Group Report was formally released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The Chairman also approved the proposal to constitute new thematic working groups for 2026–27 on agro-forestry, floriculture, seed production for food grains and fodder crops, goat and sheep rearing, promotion of Kharif oilseeds and pulses and organic farming. The Hon'ble Chief Minister emphasized coordinated and time-bound action by all concerned departments to ensure effective implementation of recommendations and tangible improvement in farmers' income and rural livelihoods across Haryana.

CEO, HKKP Delivers Expert Lecture on Climate-Smart Crop Planning at National Training Programme

Dr. R. S. Chauhan, CEO, HKKP, participated as an Invited Expert Speaker in the Five-Day National Training Programme on "Climate-Resilient Agriculture for Management of Dryland Ecosystems of the Himalayas", organized from 12th to 16th January 2026 at the Himachal Pradesh Regional Centre, Mohal, Kullu, of the G. B. Pant National Institute of Himalayan Environment (GBPNIHE). Dr. Chauhan delivered an in-depth technical lecture on the theme "Climate-Smart Crop Planning and Diversification: Role of Advanced Seedling Production and Nursery Management in Climate-Resilient Agriculture." His session focused on strengthening climate resilience at the most vulnerable stage of crop growth—the seedling phase, particularly under dryland and hill ecosystem conditions. During his address, Dr. Chauhan emphasized that climate-smart agriculture must begin with healthy, climate-ready seedlings, as erratic rainfall, temperature extremes, moisture stress and pest incidence increasingly threaten crop establishment in Himalayan drylands. He elaborated on how scientific nursery management acts as the first line of defense against climate stress, ensuring better survival, uniform crop stand and reduced risk of crop failure. Linking experiences from Haryana with Himalayan dryland challenges, he highlighted advanced nursery techniques such as soil solarization and eco-friendly soil sanitization, raised bed preparation for effective drainage, line sowing and mulching for disease and moisture management, plug tray and net-house nursery systems for quality seedling production, hardening techniques to enhance stress tolerance before transplanting. The participation of CEO, HKKP in the national programme reflects the Pradhikaran's continued commitment towards promoting climate-resilient agriculture, sustainable land management and farmer-centric innovations.



Towards sustainable growth & development

CEO, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran Highlights Farmer-Centric Initiatives at District Level Seminar under Integrated Horticulture Development Mission in Morni

A District Level Seminar under the Integrated Horticulture Development Mission (Ekikrit Bagwani Vikas Mission) was organized on 18.02.2026 at Panchkula by the Department of Horticulture Haryana through the District Horticulture Mission Implementation Unit, Panchkula. The programme was graced by Smt. Shakti Rani Sharma, Hon'ble MLA, Kalka, as the Chief Guest. The event witnessed the participation of horticulture officers, progressive farmers, agri-entrepreneurs and officials from allied departments. Dr. R. S. Chauhan, the Chief Executive Officer of Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP) attended the seminar as the Special Invitee. In his address, Dr. Chauhan elaborated on the various initiatives undertaken by HKKP for the welfare and upliftment of farmers across Haryana. He highlighted the proactive steps taken by the Pradhikaran to safeguard farmers' interests, strengthen horticulture-based income opportunities and promote diversification towards high-value crops. Focusing on farmer-centric governance, Dr. Chauhan emphasized that HKKP functions as a facilitative and supportive body for the farming community. He informed the gathering that any farmer



Honoring achievements



A step towards collaborative excellence

facing issues related to agriculture or allied sectors can directly approach the department for assistance and resolution. He assured that the Pradhikaran remains committed to ensuring timely redressal of grievances and policy support for sustainable agricultural growth. The seminar also provided a platform for interaction between farmers and officials, where various schemes under the Integrated Horticulture Development Mission were discussed in detail. Farmers were encouraged to adopt modern horticulture practices to enhance productivity and income. The event concluded with a collective resolve to strengthen horticulture development in the district and to work in close coordination for the overall welfare of farmers.

Regional Meeting of Northern States on MSP for Rabi Crops (Season 2027-28) Held at Chandigarh

A regional meeting of Northern States under the Chairmanship of Prof. Vijay Paul Sharma, Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), Government of India, was successfully held on 13th May, 2026 at Kisan Bhawan, Dakshin Marg, Chandigarh to deliberate upon the Price Policy for Rabi Crops for the marketing season 2027-28. The meeting was attended by Member Secretary, CACP; Member (Non-Official), CACP; representatives of Agriculture and Food & Supplies Departments from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh; progressive farmers and other concerned officials. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Vijay Paul Sharma stated that the objective of the meeting

was to obtain suggestions and recommendations from States and farmers for fixation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for



Deliberation towards shared goals

Rabi crops, ensuring remunerative prices to the farming community. He emphasized that inputs from farmers and State Governments play a vital role in formulation of the agricultural price policy. Detailed deliberations were held on various issues affecting agricultural price policy including cost of production, changes in input prices, price parity between inputs and outputs, market price trends, inter-crop price parity, supply and demand situation, impact on industrial cost structure, general price level and cost of living. Representatives from different States shared their views and recommendations during the meeting. On behalf of Haryana, the meeting was attended by Dr. R. S. Chauhan, CEO, HKKP and Smt. Vandana, Research Fellow, HKKP along with two progressive farmers namely Sh. Tranjit Singh from Village Mankkyaan, District Panchkula and Sh. Ravi from Village Dukheri, District Ambala.

During the meeting, Dr. Chauhan presented several key suggestions before the Commission. It was highlighted that the All-India weighted average cost often masks higher production costs in states like Haryana due to higher labour and irrigation expenses. Haryana suggested that CACP should consider state-specific production costs or provide an additional "top-up" support for high-cost regions. The Haryana delegation also proposed introduction of a "Natural Farming Premium" of about 20-25 percent above the standard MSP for produce grown under certified natural farming practices. It was emphasized that such an incentive would compensate farmers for initial yield gaps and higher manual labour requirements involved in chemical-free cultivation. Concerns regarding rising inflation and increasing input costs such as diesel, fertilizers and farm machinery were also raised. Haryana further suggested



Strengthening partnership

introduction of an indexation mechanism for volatile agricultural inputs so that MSP may be revised in case of sudden increase in production costs after MSP announcement.

The progressive farmers from Haryana also shared their practical experiences and demanded timely procurement, assured purchase of all notified crops at MSP, strengthening of irrigation infrastructure, promotion of crop diversification, special incentives for natural farming and enhanced awareness regarding Government schemes at village level. Dr. Chauhan apprised the house about the status, targets and achievements of the Agriculture Department & Pradhikaran, Haryana and emphasized the State Government's continuous efforts towards farmer welfare, crop diversification and promotion of sustainable agricultural practices.

The meeting concluded with assurance from the Chairman, CACP that all suggestions and recommendations received from States and farmers would be duly considered while finalizing recommendations for MSP of Rabi crops for the marketing season 2027-28.

Hon'ble CM approved MSP Recommendations for Kharif Marketing Season 2026-27 proposed by HKKP; Released Two Key Reports on Promotion of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants and Micro-Irrigation in Haryana

A meeting regarding the Minimum Support Price (MSP) recommendations for Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2026-27 was held under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini, who is also the Chairman of Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran, on 6 March 2026 at the CM committee room, Main Secretariat, Chandigarh.

The meeting was attended by several senior officers of the State Government including Sh. Anurag Rastogi, IAS, Chief Secretary, Haryana; Sh. Saket Kumar, IAS, Additional Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Sh. Pankaj

Agarwal, IAS, Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Sh. Raj Narayan Kaushik, IAS, Director General, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran, and Sh. Hitesh Kumar Meena, IAS, Additional Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran. During the meeting, the MSP recommendations for major kharif crops (Paddy, Bajra, Maize & Cotton) for Kharif Marketing Season 2026-27, proposed by the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran were presented by Sh. Hitesh Kumar Meena, IAS, ACEO. The



Unveiling a valuable resource

Chief Minister approved the proposed MSP recommendations and granted permission to forward the same to the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) at the earliest for further consideration while finalizing the MSP for the upcoming marketing season. The proposed MSP recommendations and granted permission to forward the same to the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) at the earliest for further consideration while finalizing the MSP for the upcoming marketing season.

On the occasion, the Hon'ble Chief Minister also released two important publications prepared and published by the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran—Working Group Report on Promotion of Medicinal & Aromatic Plants in Haryana and Working Group Report on Promotion of Micro-Irrigation in Haryana. While releasing the reports, he emphasized the need to promote the cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants in the state so that farmers can earn higher income from smaller land holdings, while also stressing the importance of efficient water management through micro-irrigation systems. The reports recommend several policies and institutional measures for strengthening these sectors. Key suggestions include promotion of cluster-

based cultivation of medicinal and aromatic plants, establishment of nursery hubs and tissue culture facilities, development of herbal clusters and value chains through FPOs/SHGs, creation of collection and processing centres and promotion of a "Haryana Herbal Brand" for domestic and export markets. The micro-irrigation report recommends keeping subsidy portals open throughout the year, ensuring time-bound subsidy disbursement, strengthening quality



Book release ceremony

control of irrigation suppliers, expanding farmer trainings and demonstrations, integrating solar energy with irrigation systems and promoting micro-irrigation for crop diversification and water conservation.

The Chief Minister reiterated the State Government's commitment of implementing farmer-friendly policies and initiatives aimed at improving farm incomes and ensuring sustainable agricultural growth in Haryana. He emphasized that the recommendations made by the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran would play an important role in strengthening the agricultural sector, encouraging crop diversification, promoting efficient use of natural resources and creating new opportunities for farmers. The meeting concluded with a

Meeting Held at Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran Office to Strengthen Data-Driven Research on Farmer Subsidies

A significant meeting was convened at the office of the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP), Panchkula, to deliberate on granular data collection for an upcoming research study titled "Analysis of Government Subsidies to Farmers – Comparing Distribution and Pricing Impact between Small and Large Landholdings."

The meeting was attended by Dr. Neeru, Joint Director, Swarn Jayanti Haryana Institute for Fiscal Management (SJHIFM), Dr. R. S. Chauhan, CEO, HKKP, along with officials including Raman Gupta, SJHIFM and Ms. Vandana,

Research Fellow, HKKP.

During the meeting, the agenda and objectives of the research study were discussed in detail, with emphasis on the need for granular and structured data to assess subsidy distribution patterns across different categories of landholdings. The study aims to generate evidence-based insights to support effective policy formulation for the agricultural sector in Haryana.

Dr. R.S. Chauhan expressed the Pradhikaran's willingness to collaborate and extend full support for the study.

Discussions also highlighted the importance of leveraging past research and ensuring coordinated efforts among departments.

A key focus of the meeting was to establish a robust data collection mechanism. It was proposed that all concerned departments nominate two Nodal Officers (primary and backup), preferably at the level of Joint Director or above, to facilitate smooth coordination and timely data sharing. The need for formal communication with departments and access to budget-related data through NIC systems was also emphasized.

It was further decided to organize a stakeholder meeting with all nodal officers and departments towards the end of April 2026 to finalize data requirements and streamline the process.

The meeting concluded with a consensus on strengthening inter-departmental coordination and adopting a systematic



Working together for meaningful impact

approach to data collection, paving the way for a comprehensive and impactful study aimed at improving subsidy delivery mechanisms for farmers in Haryana.

The CEO, HKKP Visited Progressive Farmers' Orchard in Village Sarakpur to Review Fruit Crop Health

Dr. R. S. Chauhan, CEO, HKKP visited Village Sarakpur, Block Raipurani, District Panchkula to inspect the orchard of Sh. Ranjiv Dalal, former Director General of Police (Ex-DGP) and to assess the health condition of fruit crops grown on his farm. The visit was aimed at understanding the challenges faced by orchard growers and suggesting scientific remedies for disease management. During the visit, Dr. Chauhan conducted a detailed inspection of the orchard, which includes a diverse range of fruit crops such as litchi, guava, mango and citrus fruits. It was observed that certain plants were affected by common diseases and pest infestations impacting the overall productivity and quality of the produce. Dr. Chauhan interacted with Sh. Ranjiv Dalal and discussed the issues being faced, including leaf spot, fruit drop and pest attacks. Emphasis was laid on adopting integrated pest management (IPM) practices, timely

pruning, proper nutrient management and the use of recommended fungicides and pesticides as per agricultural guidelines. The importance of regular monitoring and early diagnosis of diseases was also highlighted.



Ground level assessment & interaction

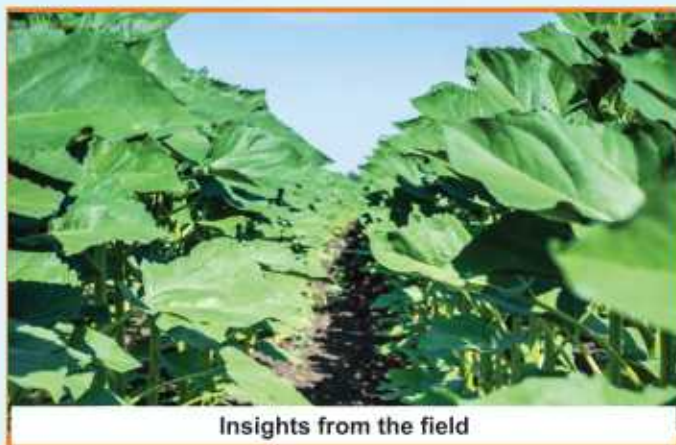


Understanding local challenges

Dr. Chauhan further directed the concerned horticulture officials to provide continuous technical support and field-level guidance to the farmer to ensure effective disease control. He also encouraged the adoption of modern horticultural practices, including the use of disease-resistant varieties and micro-irrigation systems, to enhance productivity. The visit reflects the administration's commitment to strengthening horticulture in the region and supporting progressive farmers in overcoming on-field challenges through expert guidance and timely intervention.

The CEO, HKKP visited Sunflower Fields of Progressive Farmer in Village Kheri, Emphasized on Scientific Crop Management

The Chief Executive Officer of Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran, Dr. R. S. Chauhan, visited the fields of Sh. Bhagat Singh, Ex-President, Kisan Club, Panchkula and a progressive farmer of village Kheri, Block Raipurani, District Panchkula, to assess the condition of sunflower crops and provided expert guidance on crop management practices. During the visit, Dr. Chauhan conducted a detailed inspection of the sunflower fields, which are currently at a crucial stage of growth. He observed certain instances of insect pest infestation and discussed their potential impact on yield and crop quality. He interacted with the farmer and emphasized the importance of timely identification and



Insights from the field

management of pests using scientific and eco-friendly approaches. Special focus was laid on adopting Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques, including the use of bio-control agents, pheromone traps and need-based application of recommended pesticides. Dr. Chauhan also advised maintaining proper field sanitation and regular crop



Connecting policy with practice

monitoring to prevent the spread of pests.

In addition to pest management, he guided the farmer on the nutritional requirements of the sunflower crop. He highlighted the importance of balanced fertilization, including the application of essential macro and micronutrients such as nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and boron, to ensure healthy plant growth and better seed development. Recommendations were also made regarding irrigation scheduling and soil health management. Dr. Chauhan appreciated the efforts of Sh. Bhagat Singh in adopting improved agricultural practices and encouraged him to continue sharing his experiences with other farmers in the region. He further directed the concerned agriculture officials to provide continuous technical support for promotion of oil seed crops in Haryana. The visit reflects the administration's proactive approach towards promoting scientific farming practices and supporting progressive farmers in enhancing productivity and sustainability in the district.

The CEO, HKKP Visited Integrated Organic Farm in Village Mankyan, Encouraged Market Linkage

The Chief Executive Officer of HKKP, Dr. R. S. Chauhan visited the farm of Sh. Taranjeet Singh, a progressive farmer of Village Mankyan, Tehsil Panchkula, to review his integrated farming practices based on organic and natural farming principles. The visit highlighted the growing importance of sustainable agriculture and diversification among farmers in the region.

Sh. Taranjeet Singh has successfully developed an integrated farming model on his 1.5 acre land, combining multiple agricultural and allied activities. His farm includes poultry farming, desi cow-based dairy unit and a traditional kohlu for extracting cold-pressed oil. In addition, he is cultivating a wide variety of exotic vegetables



Observing best policy on the ground

using organic and natural farming techniques, ensuring chemical-free production. During the visit, Dr. Chauhan appreciated the farmer's innovative approach and effective utilization of limited land resources. He observed that the integration of different components, not only enhances farm income but also promotes ecological balance and sustainability. He interacted in detail with the farmer and gained insights into the operational aspects of the model, including input management, marketing challenges and consumer demand for organic produce. While acknowledging the success of the model, Dr. Chauhan also provided valuable suggestions to further strengthen the initiative. He emphasized the need to establish better market linkages and suggested that an exclusive outlet for organic produce may be opened in a nearby urban area to ensure direct access to consumers and better price realization. He also advised exploring branding, packaging and certification options to increase the market value of the produce. Dr.



Insights from the field

Chauhan reiterated that state govt. is further committed to extend all possible help to farmers towards adoption of organic & natural farming in marketing strategies. The visit underscores the administration's commitment to promoting natural farming and integrated models as viable and sustainable options for farmers in Haryana.

Research Fellow Visits Progressive Mushroom Farm at Morni; HKKP Extends Support for Expansion Initiative

As part of its continued efforts to promote innovative agricultural practices and agri-entrepreneurship in Haryana, Ms. Vandana, Research Fellow, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP), visited the mushroom cultivation unit of progressive farmer Sh. Virender Bajwan at Village Badiyal, Morni on June 6, 2026.

During the visit, Ms. Vandana interacted with Sh. Bajwan and his family to understand the functioning of the farm, the cultivation techniques adopted for high-value medicinal

cultivation, farmer training, and rural entrepreneurship, which have made the farm a model of agricultural innovation in the state.

The visit also included detailed discussions regarding Sh. Bajwan's vision of establishing a Mushroom Cultivation, Organic Farming and Modern Agriculture Training Centre to provide practical training and entrepreneurship opportunities for farmers, students and rural youth. Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran has recommended the establishment of this proposed training centre in the partially constructed Panchayat building at Village Subana, District Jhajjar, subject to the applicable approvals and procedures.

The proposed centre is expected to become a hub for skill development, modern agricultural technologies, value addition and self-employment in southern Haryana. The visit reaffirmed HKKP's commitment to identifying and supporting progressive farmers whose innovative initiatives can serve as replicable models for agricultural diversification,



Recognizing excellence & dedication

mushrooms such as Ganoderma, Shiitake and Cordyceps, and the value-addition processes being undertaken. She also reviewed the entrepreneur's efforts in promoting mushroom



A glimpse of the final outcome

HKKP Constitutes Six Thematic Working Groups to Strengthen Agricultural Diversification and Farmers' Welfare in Haryana

With a view to promoting sustainable agricultural development and enhancing farmers' income through diversification, the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP) has constituted six thematic Working Groups comprising experts, scientists, progressive farmers, academicians and representatives from concerned departments. These Working Groups have been entrusted with examining key areas of agriculture and allied sectors that hold immense potential for improving farm profitability and ensuring long-term sustainability of the agricultural sector in Haryana.

The Working Groups have been constituted on the following themes:

1. Promotion of Agro-Forestry in Haryana
2. Promotion of Floriculture in Haryana
3. Promotion of Seed Production for cereal and forage crops
4. Promotion of Goat and Sheep Farming in Haryana
5. Promotion of Kharif Oilseeds and Pulses in Haryana
6. Promotion of Organic and Natural Farming in Haryana

The constitution of these Working Groups reflects the Pradhikaran's commitment towards addressing the emerging challenges confronting agriculture in the State. Haryana's agriculture has achieved remarkable growth over the years; however, concerns relating to declining profitability, depleting natural resources, changing climatic conditions and over-reliance on a limited number of crops necessitate the exploration of alternative and sustainable farming systems. The identified thematic areas have significant potential to contribute towards agricultural diversification, income enhancement, employment generation and environmental sustainability.

The Working Groups have been constituted to provide a focused platform for deliberations on sector-specific issues and opportunities. Each group will undertake a comprehensive assessment of the present scenario, identify constraints faced by farmers and stakeholders, study successful models and best practices and formulate practical recommendations for the promotion and development of the respective sector. The groups are also expected to engage with farmers, researchers, industry representatives and other stakeholders to ensure that their recommendations are grounded in field realities and are implementation-



oriented. Agro-forestry, floriculture, organic and natural farming and the promotion of pulses and oilseeds are increasingly being recognized as viable alternatives for improving farm income while conserving natural resources. Similarly, quality seed production and small ruminant farming offer substantial for entrepreneurship, livelihood diversification and strength-ening rural economies. By focusing on these sectors, the Pradhikaran aims to create pathways for resilient and climate-smart agricultural development in Haryana.

The Working Groups will function as knowledge-sharing platforms, bringing together scientific expertise and practical experiences from the field. Their recommendations will assist the Pradhikaran in formulating evidence-based policy suggestions and development strategies for submission to the Government and concerned agencies. The initiative is expected to facilitate a two-way flow of information and expertise between policymakers, technical experts and farming communities, thereby ensuring that future interventions are both farmer-centric and technically sound. To formally initiate the functioning of the six Working Groups constituted under the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran, introductory meetings of all the Working Groups were successfully conducted through Video Conferencing from 22nd to 24th June. Chaired by the CEO, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran, these meetings brought together the respective Chairpersons, Conveners and Members to familiarize them with the objectives, Terms of Reference (ToRs), timelines and expected deliverables of the Working Groups. The meetings also served as a platform to deliberate on the broad framework of work, methodology for stakeholder consultations, schedule of future meetings

Shri Rajpal Beniwal Assumed Charge as Chairman, Executive Committee of Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran

Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran, Panchkula, on dated June 2, 2026 formally welcomed Shri Rajpal Beniwal on his joining as Chairman, Executive Committee, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran. The meeting was attended by Shri Mahender Singh, ADC to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana, along with officers and staff of the Pradhikaran.



A gesture of respect & hospitality

Welcoming the chairman, Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran, presented a detailed overview of the organization's mandate, institutional framework and ongoing initiatives. He highlighted that HKKP was established by the Government of Haryana with the objective of promoting a holistic and farmer-centric approach towards agricultural development and farmer welfare. Dr. Chauhan further elaborated on the organizational structure of the Pradhikaran and explained the constitution of its various working groups that focus on key thematic areas of agriculture and allied sectors. He informed that these working groups bring together experts, researchers, progressive

farmers, departmental officers and stakeholders to examine critical issues and formulate recommendations for policy intervention. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Mahender Singh, ADC to Hon'ble Chief Minister, congratulated Shri Rajpal Beniwal on assuming the important responsibility. He appreciated Shri Beniwal's longstanding contribution to public life and his deep understanding of issues affecting farmers and rural communities. He remarked that Shri Beniwal has remained closely connected with the farming community throughout his public journey and has consistently worked towards addressing grassroots concerns. Shri Mahender Singh observed that agriculture continues to be the backbone of Haryana's economy and emphasized the need for responsive institutions capable of translating farmers' aspirations into practical policy initiatives. He expressed confidence that under the leadership of Shri Rajpal Beniwal, the Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran would further strengthen its role as a bridge between farmers and the government. He also appreciated the efforts made by HKKP in facilitating research-based policy recommendations and promoting innovative agricultural practices across the state.



CEO, HKKP extending a warm welcome to Hon'ble Chairman



Committed to excellence

In his address, Shri Rajpal Beniwal expressed gratitude to the Government of Haryana for entrusting him with the responsibility of leading the Executive Committee of the Pradhikaran. He acknowledged the efforts of the officers and staff of HKKP and emphasized the importance of collective action in addressing the challenges faced by farmers. He stated that the welfare of farmers would remain at the center of all initiatives undertaken by the Pradhikaran. He stressed the need to strengthen communication with farmers at the grassroots level, ensure timely identification of emerging issues and develop practical solutions through consultation and collaboration. Shri Beniwal also highlighted the importance of integrating modern technology with traditional



Formal joining of Hon'ble Chairman

agricultural wisdom to create a more resilient and profitable agricultural ecosystem. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Ms. Vandana, Research Fellow, HKKP and a reaffirmation of HKKP's resolve to continue working for the welfare, prosperity and sustainable development of Haryana's farming community. The event reflected a shared commitment to advancing farmer-centric policies and ensuring that the benefits of development reach every farmer across the state.

World Environment Day Observed with Fruit Tree Plantation in Presence of Dr. R. S. Chauhan

Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran, participated as Chief Guest in a tree plantation programme organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra



A collective effort towards environmental conservation

(KVK), Panchkula on the occasion of World Environment Day. The programme was held at the KVK farm premises with the objective of promoting environmental conservation and encouraging sustainable agricultural practices.

Marking the occasion, Dr. Chauhan planted a fruit-sapling and inaugurated the plantation campaign. Farmers, village representatives, progressive cultivators, rural youth and officials actively participated in the programme and pledged their commitment towards environmental protection and increasing green cover. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Chauhan emphasized the importance of protecting the environment and highlighted the crucial role of trees in maintaining ecological balance, improving air quality, conserving natural resources and combating climate change. He urged farmers and citizens to actively participate in plantation drives and adopt environmentally responsible practices to ensure a sustainable future for coming generations.

The event was organized under the guidance of Dr. Shridevi Talangada, Sr. Co-Ordinator, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Panchkula. During the programme, participants were sensitized about the significance of agroforestry, biodiversity conservation and sustainable farming systems. Scientists of the KVK also shared technical guidance on the selection and management of fruit trees suitable for local conditions.

As part of the programme, Dr. Chauhan visited various demonstration units and experimental plots at the KVK farm. He reviewed ongoing agricultural activities and interacted with scientists regarding innovative technologies and extension programmes being



Planting trees for a greener tomorrow

implemented for the benefit of farmers. Rural youth and farmers were also taken on a guided farm visit and encouraged to adopt eco-friendly and resource-conserving agricultural practices.

The programme concluded with a collective pledge by all participants to protect the environment and contribute towards a greener and healthier future through sustained plantation efforts and responsible natural resource management.

From Traditional Farming to Medicinal Mushroom Cultivation: A Success Story from Morni



Sh. Virendra Bajwan

Sh. Virendra Bajwan, a progressive farmer from Badiyal village in the Morni region of Haryana, has emerged as a notable example of agricultural entrepreneurship by adopting the cultivation of medicinal mushrooms. Moving beyond conventional farming practices, he has established a successful enterprise centred on high-value varieties such as Ganoderma, Shiitake and Cordyceps. His initiative has not only enhanced his family's income but has also encouraged farmers to explore innovative and value-added agricultural ventures.

Virender Bajwan's remarkable contributions to agricultural innovation and mushroom entrepreneurship have earned him widespread recognition at both the state and institutional levels. He has been honoured by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana for his pioneering work in the mushroom sector and was conferred the prestigious Haryana Udyan Ratna-2026 Award for his outstanding contribution to horticulture and agri-entrepreneurship. He also serves as a Member of the Mushroom Promotion Committee constituted by the Department of Horticulture, Haryana. In recognition of his expertise, he has been entrusted with conducting mushroom cultivation training programmes in Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the State. Through these initiatives, along with regular awareness campaigns and practical demonstrations, he has trained thousands of farmers, students,

women and rural youth, inspiring them to adopt scientific mushroom cultivation and agri-based entrepreneurship as sustainable livelihood opportunities.

Ganoderma, popularly known as Reishi or Lingzhi mushroom, is widely recognized for its medicinal significance and has been used in traditional healthcare systems for centuries. Rich in bioactive compounds, antioxidants, vitamins and essential minerals, it is commonly associated with promoting immunity and overall well-being. Through scientific cultivation methods and careful environmental control, Bajwan has been producing premium-quality medicinal mushrooms and developing a range of herbal products.



Acknowledging commitment to excellence



A view of mushroom cultivation

To strengthen his expertise, Bajwan received specialized training from the Directorate of Mushroom Research, Solan and further benefited from entrepreneurial support under the 'Safal Yojana' of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar. His dedication to innovation led to the establishment of VMW Nutraceuticals, through which he manufactures value-added products, including Ganoderma coffee, mushroom extracts and other herbal formulations.

What began as a small family initiative has now grown into a thriving enterprise with active participation from his wife, son and daughter, earning them recognition as the "Mushroom

"Mushroom Family." By adopting modern production techniques, including vertical farming systems, he has demonstrated that commercial mushroom cultivation can be successfully undertaken even in limited spaces such as rooms and terraces.



Sh. Virendra Bajwan explaining the process

His achievements have earned him several prestigious recognitions, including being honoured by the Government of Haryana on Entrepreneurship Day and being acknowledged as a Progressive Farmer by Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University for promoting value-added mushroom products. He also serves as a non-official member of the Haryana Mushroom Promotion Committee and has contributed extensively to capacity building by training thousands of farmers and



Celebrating outstanding contributions

students in scientific mushroom cultivation. Beyond commercial success, Bajwan continues to promote

agricultural innovation through awareness programmes, university lectures and farmer training sessions. His entrepreneurial journey highlights the immense potential of diversification, scientific farming and value addition in agriculture. His experience serves as an inspiration for young entrepreneurs and farming communities, demonstrating how knowledge, technology and determination can transform agriculture into a sustainable and profitable enterprise while creating new livelihood opportunities in rural areas.

His vision extends beyond personal success. He is actively working towards establishing dedicated training and demonstration centres to promote mushroom cultivation, organic farming, value addition and modern agricultural practices. By integrating scientific knowledge with



Driving innovation

entrepreneurship, his efforts continue to support the State's objective of agricultural diversification, skill development and income enhancement for farming communities, making him a role model for aspiring agri-entrepreneurs across Haryana.



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