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From The Desk of Chief Executive Officer

Over the years, the State has followed progressive policies relating to augmenting investment in agriculture, strengthening of R&D system, public distribution system, irrigation development, land acquisition, subsidies towards credit and power use, infrastructure like roads, regulated markets, power generation and supply, etc. These progressive policies, combined with proactive farming community, have contributed to a very sturdy growth in agriculture.

Notwithstanding these very impressive successes in agriculture sector in the State, various concerns like decreasing size of farm holdings, decreasing cultivable area, increasing soil salinity, declining as well as rising water table, imbalanced use of fertilizers, micro-nutrient deficiency, harsh climate, low forest cover, considerable area under rain fed condition, storage constraints and shortage of labour for farming operations are existing. All these issues are adversely affecting crop productivity enhancement. There is significant productivity gap in the field crops, horticultural crops and livestock. The State is deficient in pulses (except gram), vegetables and fruits. There is deceleration in total factor productivity particularly in rice. A lot of work needs to be done in case of land reforms, capital investment for infrastructure development, natural resource management, marketing, processing and value addition, environmental improvement by tree plantation, risk management, agricultural credit, insurance and agro-advisory services to the farmers. The State is yet to harness its comparative gain using its niche for Murrah buffalo (to promote dairying and value-added products), basmati rice, guar, mushroom, poultry, fishery, arid horticulture, agro-forestry and agro-tourism. The predicament of farmers, particularly small and marginal, women and agricultural labourers, in terms of income, profitability, sustainability and overall livelihood security, is a matter of serious concern to policy makers, planners and development agencies. In the backdrop of these concerns, a well planned approach is needed which will focus on agriculture and its allied sectors ensuring enhanced investment, improved production, productivity, sustainability, profitability and welfare of farmers.



Dr. R. S. Chauhan

Joining of Dr. R. S. Chauhan as Chief Executive Officer, HKKP

Dr. Ravinder Singh Chauhan joined as Chief Executive Officer in Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran on 16th August, 2024. The staff of HKKP gave a warm welcome to the newly appointed CEO. He is an eminent scientist having a vast experience of more than 20 years in the field of Agricultural research and extension. He did his Ph.D from Chaudhary Chran Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar from the department of plant pathology with the specialization in fungal pathology. He guided many students as major advisor during his tenure at Chaudhary Chran Singh Haryana Agricultural University Hisar. Dr. Chauhan has published more than 150 research papers and articles in Magazines and National as well as International Journals.

Under the guidance of Dr. Chauhan, Pradhikarn will be able to help the farming community overcome their difficulties and reach new heights of success.



HKKP staff welcome Dr. R.S. Chauhan

Meeting about briefing the activities of HKKP with Hon'ble Agriculture Minister & Vice-Chairperson, HKKP and Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer of Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikarn had a short meeting with the Hon'ble Agriculture Minister & Vice-Chairperson, HKKP and Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. This briefing outlined the key activities and performance of the Pradhikaran over the past period, focusing on achievements, ongoing projects, and key challenges. Various aspects on which new projects can be taken up by the Pradhikaran were discussed like organic farming, water conservation, and soil health management. Dr. Chauhan suggested some possible policy revisions or the introduction of new programs to address emerging issues. He emphasized that the higher authorities, the people in power and the Government must address issues related to market prices, exports, or



CEO, HKKP with worthy ACS

trade barriers affecting the agriculture sector.

The Hon'ble Agriculture Minister applauded the Working Group

Reports published by the Pradhikaran and visionary recommendations these reports include to protect farmers' interests. He gave the assurance that some new initiatives will surely be taken for the welfare of farming community and for progress in agriculture sector in the State.

Dr. Chauhan expressed his appreciation for the Minister's support and leadership in helping the department to recommend every possible change needed for the upliftment of agriculture in the State.



CEO, HKKP with Hon'ble Agri Minister

Meeting of Northern States on Price Policy for Rabi Crops for the Marketing Season 2025-26.

A Meeting of Northern States held on 3rd July, 2024 at Bijapur Guest House, Dehradun, Uttarakhand was attended by the officials of HKKP.

Prof. Vijay Paul Sharma, Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) chaired the meeting. Apart from him, Member Secretary, CACP; Member non-Official, CACP; representatives of Agriculture Department and Food Supplies from Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh; Farmers Representatives and other concerned officials attended the meeting.



Officials of the department with Chairman, CACP

The Chairman CACP informed the house that the aim of the meeting was to discuss the suggestions and recommendations for fixing the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Rabi crops so that the farming community gets a reasonable price for their produce. He further said that the suggestions, recommendations and ideas from the concerned departments and the farmers' representatives plays a key role in the fixation of price policy of crops.

Threadbare discussion was held on various aspects like factors affecting Agricultural price policy, production costs, Input price changes, price parity between inputs and outputs, market price trends, Price Parity Between Crops, the Supply and Demand Situation, Impact on Industrial Cost Structure, General price level effects, Cost of living effects, etc.

The representatives made various suggestions and recommendations during the meeting. On behalf of Haryana, the meeting was attended by Dr. R. S. Solanki, Additional Director, A&FWD and Smt. Vandana, Research Fellow, HKKP along with two progressive farmers. Dr. R. S. Solanki apprised the house about the status, targets and achievements of the Agriculture Department as well as cost of production and suggested MSP through a PPT.

Meeting of Working Group for Fisheries Development in Haryana

A meeting of Working Group for Fisheries Development in Haryana constituted by Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP) for the preparation of report on Fisheries Development in Haryana was held in the Office of Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran, Panchkula on 23rd August, 2024. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Ravinder Singh Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran. Dr. R. K. Gupta, Chairman Working Group; Dr. S. K. Garg, Member Working Group; Sh. Jitender Kumar, Subject Matter Specialist, HKKP; Dr. Sanjay Yadav, Research Fellow, HKKP and Smt. Vandana, Nodal Officer, Working Group.

At the outset, worthy CEO extended a warm welcome to the members of the group. In his opening remarks, he emphasized that the report should be very concise of about 50 pages highlighting the main points relevant to the subject. Concrete recommendations of the report should be included in the summary. He stated that report is meant for policy planners and therefore, they will look for some practical and viable recommendations that can be implemented.

Dr. R. K. Gupta, said that the report proposes appropriate technological advancements, developmental strategies, and policy options for the coming years, all designed to propel Haryana towards its ambitious target of surplus fish production by 2030. Dr. S. K. Garg, elaborated that the report includes all

the recommendations pertaining to fisheries sector in Haryana which need immediate attention of the Government. It includes



Working Group meeting in progress

both the short-term and long-term perspectives. Dr. R.K. Gupta informed that the report includes the inputs taken from the interaction with various stakeholders including farmers, fish technocrats, entrepreneur in fishery sector etc. in different zones of Haryana and National Capital Region. This will lead to meticulous and pragmatic implementation of the goals of the group.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.

Field Visits on the Farm of Sh. Rajesh Kumar and Sh. Kuldeep Singh

Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran visited the farm of Sh. Rajesh Kumar, a progressive farmer of Kheri Sikandar village in Kaithal district on 5th September, 2024. Sh. Rajesh Kumar is the Chairman of Amrit Javik, Farmer Producer Organization having more than 700 members, mainly focusing on organic produce.



Farm visit of Sh. Rajesh Kumar

Sh. Rajesh Kumar, shared his experiences about agri-processing activities undertaken by him. Telling his success story, he said that he started with organic cultivation and has now ventured into agri-processing with a number of products. He has been cultivating organic vegetables since 2016 and participated in various training programmes conducted by KVK, ICAR institutes, agriculture department, horticulture department and ATMA. He adopted a model of mixed farming. Haryana State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited (HAFED) has certified organic farming of Rajesh Kumar as per ICS-194. He was been awarded Haldar Organic Award-2015 by ICAR. He has been motivating the farmers to adopt such model and fetch profits like him.

Dr. R. S. Chauhan applauded his efforts of motivating the farmers and encouraging them to think beyond just growing the produce.

Another visit was organised on the farm of Sh. Kuldeep Singh, a progressive farmer of Village Thamber, Ambala on 13th September, 2024.

Chief Executive Officer with his team visited the farm of Sh. Kuldeep Singh. He shared his experience with Chief Executive Officer about Net House Cultivation of Vegetables such as cucumber, capsicum, tomato, etc. He also informed that a dairy unit was also setup during 2021 and is giving good returns. He has successfully setup a model of integrated farming.

Dr. R. S. Chauhan appreciated Sh. Kuldeep Singh for the efforts made by him in the field of intergrated farming.

He said that this diversity not only minimizes risks associated with monoculture but also promotes resilience against pests, diseases, and market fluctuations. HKKP is always committed in promoting such progressive farmers.



Farm visit of Sh. Kuldeep Singh

Brain-Storming Session on Fisheries and its Status in Haryana

Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran organised a one-day brain-storming session on fisheries and its status in Haryana at Krishi Bhawan, Sector-21, Panchkula on 20th September, 2024, with an objective to share the final report on promotion of fisheries in

Haryana with the fisheries experts so that they may share their knowledge & experience for enrichment of the report. Dr. R. S. Chauhan, CEO, HKKP welcomed all the guests and expert speakers invited for the session and briefed about the purpose of the workshop.

Dr. R. K. Gupta, Chairman, Working Group on Promotion of Fisheries in Haryana informed the house about the so far progress made by the group in analysing the current support system (schemes, policies, technical and infrastructural support) for promotion of fisheries in Haryana by the State /Central Governments. He applauded the efforts made by the Group Members in recommending the most appropriate strategies for adoption and overall growth of fisheries in the State.

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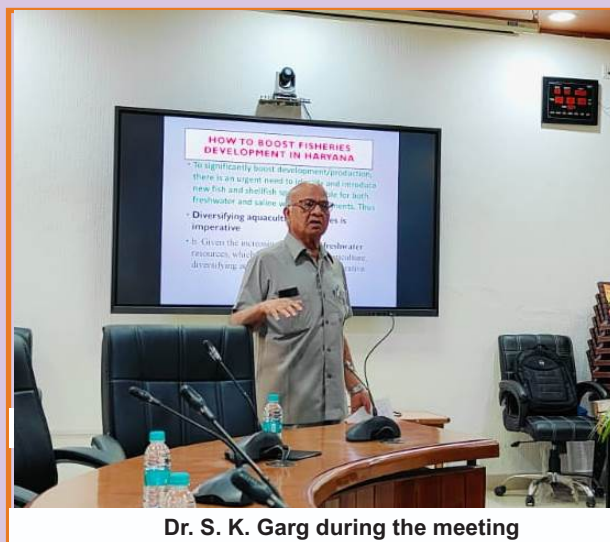


A view of the meeting

Dr. S. K. Garg then presented the layout of the report explaining the most recommended suggestions for skill development of persons engaged in fish farming, for further improvement in linking the farmers to the market and measures to address current gaps as per the specific needs of the farmers.

Dr. Rachna Gulati and Sh. Sunil Lather, Member, Working Group; Sh. Ishwar Singh, Deputy Director, Department of Fisheries, Panchkula; Dr. S. C. Aggarwal, Former Director, Fisheries Haryana; Dr. Gajender Singh, District Extension Specialist, KVK Panchkula; Dr. Padmanabha, Asstt. Professor, Department of Aquatic Environment Management and Dr. Nitish Bansal, Asstt. Scientist, College of Fisheries Science, CCS HAU, Hisar were present in the meeting as Expert speakers. Sh. Jitender Kumar, SMS, A&FWD, Dr. Sanjay Yadav and Smt. Vandana, Research fellows, HKKP were also present in the meeting. The suggestion given by the experts include accreditation of seeds, local availability of seed, quality control, need for seed certification agency, inter-state selective mating, insurance policy, waste utilization, strong legislation, electricity on subsidised rates, pesticide check, metal toxicity, subsidy on feed, justified career opportunities for fisheries students in agricultural universities, etc.

The session ended with vote of thanks by Dr. R. S. Chauhan, CEO, HKKP. He appreciated the efforts made by the expert speakers to make the event a success in achieving its target of including the most concrete recommendations in the report for sustainable growth of fisheries in Haryana. He was of the view that by implementing the useful recommendations suggested by the Group, we can cultivate a thriving and responsible fisheries industry in Haryana that fosters environmental well-being and economic prosperity for the people of Haryana.



Dr. S. K. Garg during the meeting



A view of the meeting

Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran
Wishes
Very Happy and Prosperous
New Year 2025

Meeting of the Working Group on Promotion of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in Haryana

A meeting of the Working Group on promotion of medicinal and aromatic plants in Haryana was organized on 25.09.2024 by Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran at CCSHAU, Hisar. The meeting was chaired by Dr. R. S. Chauhan, CEO, HKKP. Dr. Ishwar Singh, Chairman Working Group, Dr. Ravinder Raina, Dr. Pawan Kumar and Sh. Mukesh Soni, Members of the Working were present in the meeting along with Dr. Sanjay Yadav, Nodal Officer, Working Group. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the final draft of the report. Dr. Ishwar Singh deliberated that the report contains review of the current status of cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, the current support system (schemes, policies, technical and infrastructural support) from the State/Central Governments for promotion of cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in Haryana. He said that the group has proposed measures/methods for further improvement in this area through this report. It has emphasised on suggesting measures for skill development of people engaged in cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in Haryana, addressing current gaps as per the specific needs of the farmers and has recommended most appropriate strategies for promotion of cultivation of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants in the State.

Dr. Chauhan appreciated the efforts of the group in bringing out a productive document which will help planners, policy makers and stakeholders in stressing on the needs to focus on medicinal farming. In his view, the report will bring more awareness on importance of medicinal and aromatic plants in the state and might create a breakthrough by extension of new technologies and practical knowledge among the farmers.



Working Group meeting in progress

Farmers Training Camps

Farmers Training Camps were organised by Haryana State Co-operative Development Federation Limited (HARCOFED) at villave Bhagwanpur, Barwala, Panchkula on 18th October, 2024 and at village Bataur, Panchkula on 23rd October, 2024. Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran attended the camps as key note speaker. The District officers of agriculture, KVK & around 50 farmers were present in each event.

The camps were organized with a motive to educate the



Dr. Chauhan sharing his views with the farmers

farmers regarding crop residue management, agriculture diversification, rabi sowing practices and judicious use of pesticides. Dr. Chauhan made farmers aware of the fact that proper management of crop residue can improve soil health,

reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and provide a renewable energy source. He elaborated that the CRM approach provides numerous other ecological and economic benefits like high yields and reduced use of expensive inputs like fuel, electricity, and synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. During the talk, farmers were also convinced to adopt proper seed treatment, as it is the safe and economic method of disease management.

Dr. Chauhan explained how beneficial crop residue management is for the environment. He also urged the farmers to read or follow pesticide label instructions, using personal protective equipment (PPE) while handling pesticides and to follow recommended safety and application guidelines. He



A view of the meeting

Field Visits on Vermi-Compost Unit of Sh. Ajay Pratap Singh



A view of farm visit

Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran visited the farm of Sh. Ajay Pratap Singh, a progressive farmer of Village Samlehari, District Ambala on 13th December, 2024. Sh. Ajay Pratap Singh owns a vermin-compost unit and engaged in organic/natural farming on his land from last 5-6 years.

Ajay Pratap Singh has been doing organic farming on his land since 4-5 years. His motive behind switching to chemical free farming was to produce healthier food and to reduce the environmental impact of the agricultural industry. He started vermin-compost production unit three years ago, named as “Red Gold Vermi-compost” for which he also took training from K.V.K. Tepla, Ambala. He started the production unit with only 2 beds and today it has reached to 90 beds. Around 8-10 women farmers from his village are his associates in this work. He cultivates organic wheat, paddy, gram, urad, lentils, jaggery, sugar and mustard. Most of his compost is used in apple orchards of Himachal Pradesh.

Presently his turnover is 7-8 lakh rupees annually. Hard work and dedication is behind the success of his unit. He provides manure to

the farmers at reasonable prices. Inspiring from Mr. Ajay Pratap, other farmers of his village are taking interest in vermin-composting. Many farmers have established vermin-compost units in backyard of their houses and are producing vermin-compost successfully. According to his suggestion, there is a need for support from the government like subsidy in machinery, storage, packaging, sieving and loan facility, etc.

Dr. Chauhan appreciated Sh. Ajay Pratap Singh for the efforts made by him in the field of vermi-composting. He emphasised that environmental friendly agriculture that increase oxygen levels, reduce air pollution and improve soil health are needed to produce fresh and healthy food, as well as inculcate motivation to continue farming. Pradhikaran is always committed in promoting such progressive farmers.



CEO, HKKP with the farmers

Kisan Gosthi on Promotion of Rapeseed and Mustard in Haryana

Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran (HKKP) in collaboration with CCSHAU, College Of Agriculture, Bawal organized a Kisan Gosthi at College of Agriculture, Bawal, Rewari on 24th December, 2024. The Gosthi was organized with an objective to interact and motivate the farmers on promotion of rapeseed and mustard cultivation. Dr. Sunita Sheoran, Soil Scientist, Dr. Naresh Yadav and Dr. Prashant Chauhan, Pant

Pathologist, CCSHAU COA, Bawal & Dr. Balbir Singh, Senior Co-ordinator, KVK, Bawal were the expert speakers. Expert Speakers suggested ways to identify and solve the problems of mustard pests and they discussed the symptoms of different diseases in mustard and the changes in agronomical practices for their prevention and control.

Dr. Ravindra Singh Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, HKKP



A view of the Kisan Gosthi

were the Chief Guest of the event. Dr. Dharamvir Yadav, Regional Director of Regional Research Station, Bawal, participated as the guest of honor in the Gosthi. Dr. Naresh Kaushik, Principal of Agriculture College, graced the event as special invitee. While highlighting the objectives of the Kisan Goshthi, Dr. Kaushik said that mustard is cultivated in about 70 to 80 thousand acres in Rewari district and it ranks first in mustard production in Haryana. The contribution of farmers is paramount in this. Dr. Dharamvir Yadav emphasized about the problems related to production in mustard cultivation in the district, said that mustard processing units should be set up to increase the income of farmers and policies in the interest of farmers should be formulated. He appealed to the farmers to use fertilizers in balanced quantities.

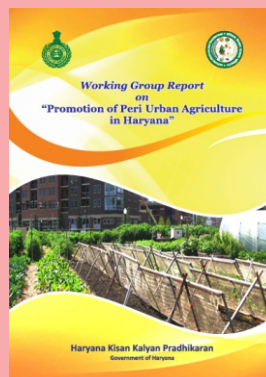
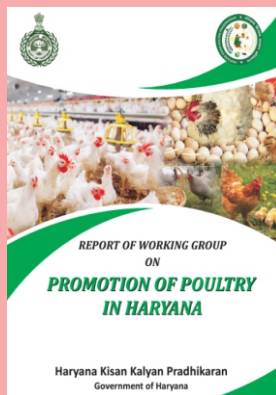
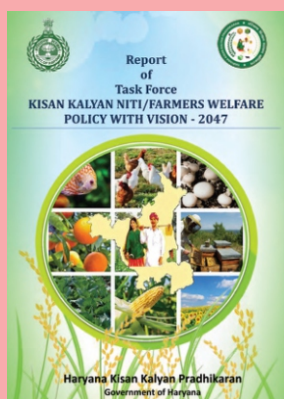
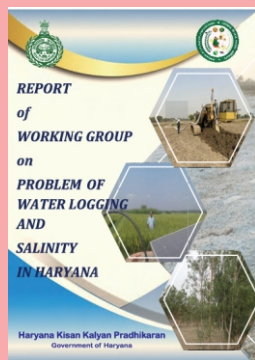
Dr. Chauhan informed that during last year, the area of mustard in North India has increased by about 28 percent. Sharing his views with the farmers, he asked that farmers can increase their income by using the schemes and subsidies of the government like Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana, Mera Pani Meri Virasat, Drip Irrigation etc. Exploitation of resources can be reduced by

using the recommended amount of fertilizer by the Agricultural Universities. Dr. Chauhan asked the farmers to do farming scientifically to increase the production. During the event farmers also shared their suggestions and issues with the Chief Executive Officer.



CEO, HKKP welcomed as Chief Guest

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