

Third meeting of Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran

Date: 17th January, 2024

Venue: Haryana Niwas, Chandigarh

Third meeting of Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran was organised in Haryana Niwas, Chandigarh on 17th January, 2024. It was chaired by the Chief Minister-cum-Chairman, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran. The meeting started with warm welcome of the Chief Minister and other dignitaries by the Director, Agriculture-cum-CEO, HKKP. He introduced all the Working Groups and Task Force constituted by the Pradhikaran and their respective Chairmen and also informed about the status of Kisan Kalyan Niti and Working Group reports submitted to the Pradhikaran for consideration.

Energy Minister, Sh. Ranjit Singh, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, Sh. J.P. Dalal, Cooperation Minister, Dr. Banwari Lal, Development and Panchayat Minister, Sh. Devender Singh Babli, and Chairman, Haryana Bureau of Public Enterprises and Chairman, Executive Committee, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran, Sh. Subhash Barala also attended the meeting.



The Chief Minister while giving directions to the officers concerned, emphasized the need to adopt new agricultural systems alongside traditional farming practices to increase income and progress for small and marginal farmers, considering the decreasing size of arable land. He highlighted the immense possibilities in the livestock sector for farmers to enhance their income. Cooperative farming is also crucial for addressing the challenges of small land holdings and promoting food processing industries. The Chief Minister said that





reservoirs should be constructed for the conservation of rainwater in the Shivalik and Aravalli mountain ranges so that water coming from the mountains can be collected and later used for irrigation and other needs. He directed officers of the Irrigation and Water Resources Department to prepare a pilot project for this.

The Chief Minister stated that checking the quality of soil is essential along with soil health. The excessive use of fertilizers and pesticides today is causing several serious health diseases. Therefore, we need to move towards producing chemical-free grains. The solution to this is natural farming, said the Chief Minister.

He said that any village declared as a chemical-free farming village by its Panchayat will ensure that the government purchases all types of crops at a price 10 to 20 percent higher than the MSP. Branding and packaging of crops will be done in the fields, said Sh. Manohar Lal.

The Chief Minister said that under the concept of Sanjhi Dairy, one can also engage in the livestock dairy business. He said that the state government has formulated a scheme 'Van Mitra' to promote green cover, under which local youth will take care of plants planted by the forest department for up to 3 years. For this, the department will designate 500 to 700 trees in each village and assign them to the Van Mitras. A reward of Rs. 10 per tree will be given to the Van Mitras for the care of each tree, he said.

Chief Secretary, Sh. Sanjeev Kaushal, Additional Chief Secretary and Financial Commissioner, Revenue and Disaster Management Department, Sh. TVSN Prasad, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Sh. Sudhir Rajpal, Additional Chief Secretary, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Department, Sh. Ankur Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, Sh. Anand Mohan Sharan, Additional Chief Secretary, Cooperation Department, Sh. Raja Sekhar Vundru, Additional Chief Secretary, Environment, Forest and Wildlife Department, Sh. Vineet Garg, Additional Chief Secretary, Development and Panchayat Department, Sh. Anil Malik, Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Smt. Ashima Brar and members of the working group also remained present on this occasion.