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## **Awareness Programme cum Kisan Sammellan Organized by ICAR-CITH, KVK Baramulla**

A Mega Awareness Programme cum Kisan Sammellan on Pradhan Mantri Fasal Yojna (PMFBY) was organized by ICAR-CITH Krishi Vigyan Kendra Baramulla on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Dak Banglow. Union Minister of State for Agriculture, Farmers welfare and Panchayati Raj, Shri Parshottam Rupala was the chief guest of the function.



At the occasion, the Minister along with Sunil Kumar Sharma, Minister of State, J&K, Daljeet Singh Chib, Vice Chairman Kisaan Advisory Board, Jammu-Kashmir and Dr Nasir Ahmad Naqash, Deputy Commissioner, Baramulla laid foundation stone of Storage Godown of KVK and inspected stalls established by CITH and various departments including animal husbandry, sheep husbandry, Fisheries, horticulture and agriculture departments.

Dr. Deshbeer Singh, Director, CITH described the technologies and research achievements of the institute. Dr. Manoj Kumar, Head KVK, explained the objective of this programme and Mission Director PMFBY told details and benefits of the scheme. Director Agriculture-Kashmir, officers from line departments, scientists and staff of CITH were present in the Sammellan. More than 1000 Farmers, Farm



women and rural youth from different parts of the District participated in the programme. At this occasion, Kisan Mitra certificates besides some soil health cards were also distributed.

During the programme, the Minister Sensitized the participants about Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY ). He impressed upon the farmers to avail benefits from centrally sponsored schemes devised for upliftment of Socio-Economic conditions and welfare of farmers of the country. He said the Jammu and Kashmir is bestowed with ample water resources; as such unemployed youth should venture in Farming sector. He also impressed upon the Farmers to come forward and take benefits from the centrally sponsored schemes including Fasal Bima Yojna. Apart from using latest farming technologies, farmers should necessarily conduct soil testing of their farm lands, so that the cultivation of suitable varieties is made possible. The Minister also mentioned that the farming sector throughout the nation is reaching new heights.

The Minister informed that about 309 lakh farmers of 23 states have been covered under PMFBY during previous kharif season 2015, in which 294 lakh farmers were lonee and 15 lakh farmers were non lonee. However, 366.64 lakh farmers had been covered during 2016, out of which 264.04 lakh farmers are lonee and 2.60 lakh farmers are non lonee. The Minister also informed that 2.29 crore samples have been collected for soil testing in which 11.45 crore soil heath cards are being made and 4.15 crore soil health cards have been distributed to the farmers.

While highlighting the importance of conducting awareness camp for farmers, the Minister stressed upon the agriculture department to increase the frequency of conducting such awareness camps so that the farmers are made aware about the recent developments and schemes in the farming sector for their larger benefits. It was also impressed upon the concerned department to reinforce their different activities under various programs to enhance agricultural production many folds. Dr. Javied Iqbal Mir, Senior Scientist, CITH proposed vote of thanks.