

Training programme for scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendras

A three-day training programme aimed at refreshing the knowledge of scientists serving at various Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of the state concluded at the Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF), Nauni. Twenty-five scientists representing KVKs located in various districts of Himachal Pradesh attended the training.

The Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) sponsored programme was organised by the UHF's Directorate of Extension Education. The theme of the training was 'Promotion of Farmers Income through Scientific Interventions'. The idea behind the training was to refresh and enhance the expertise of the scientists working at the various KVKs of the state. The programme focussed on the promotion of farmer's income through scientific interventions, which is also in accordance with the Government of India's goal of doubling farmers' income by the year 2022.

The scientists at the KVKs are an integral part of the agricultural activities undertaken by the farmers and are the first touch points for agriculturists of any particular area. By enhancing the expertise of these scientists, the university targeted to reach the farmers with the latest technological and scientific interventions in the agricultural and horticultural sector.



Through the training, the participating scientists were given expert lectures on the following topics

- Horticultural interventions and strategies for doubling farmers' income
- Diversifying ornamental crops
- Cultivation of medicinal, aromatic crops and spices
- Alternative farming systems
- Protected cultivation for employment generation
- Apiculture and pollination management
- Integrated disease management
- Zero budget natural farming and farming farming
- Off-season vegetable production
- Vegetable seed production
- Agroforestry interventions in fruit orchards for improving profitability
- Mushroom production
- Post-harvest losses and their mitigation