

UHF hosts 9th Brain Storming Session cum Vice Chancellors Conference

The Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry (UHF) hosted the 9th Brain Storming Session-cum-Vice-Chancellors Conference at the University premises on 3-4th May, 2018. The Vice Chancellors of several agricultural and horticultural universities of the country attended the two-day event where they deliberated on increasing crop productivity and doubling farmers' income. The conference was held under the aegis of the New Delhi based Indian Agricultural Universities Association (IAUA). The theme for the conference was 'Alternative Farming Systems Involving Horticulture to Increase Crop Productivity and Doubling Farmers' Income'.

The inaugural event of the conference was held at the university campus at Nauni. The Minister for IPH and Horticulture (Himachal Pradesh) Sh. Mahender Singh Thakur graced the function as Chief Guest. While addressing the gathering, he said that there was a lot of possibility of growing different crops and fruits in Himachal due to its various agro-climatic zones. He added that there was a huge scope of growing other fruits along with apple. "The state has lot of scope for vegetable and cash crops cultivation, which can help it to become a leading state in this field in the country. For this we have to not only educate the farmers, but also provide timely quality seeds and planting material to them," said the Horticulture Minister.



He laid the foundation stone of the UHF Sale Center and HPMC Sale Counter, which is to be established at the university with a cost of Rs. 15 lakh. The foundation stone for the Rs. 1.5 crores Nature Interpretation-cum-Training Center and Apiculture lab was also laid on the occasion. The lab is being set up under the Himachal Pradesh Horticulture Development Project and will facilitate the rearing of bumblebees. UHF Vice-Chancellor Dr HC Sharma welcomed all the guests and gave a summary of the activities of the university. "The Hon'ble Prime Minister has called upon the scientists and policymakers to double the farmers' income by 2022 and this Brain Storming session will go a long way in developing the strategies for doubling the farmers' income in India", said Dr Sharma.