

## CEC Kargil Attends Mega Kisan Mela 2025 at Kurbathang

Kargil, September 04, 2025: Chairman and Chief Executive Councillor (CEC), LAHDC Kargil, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoo, today attended the Mega Kisan Mela 2025 as the Chief Guest. The event was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK)-1, Kargil, at Kurbathang. The program began with a welcome address by Senior Scientist, KVK Kargil-1, Dr. Nasreen Fatima, who expressed gratitude to the esteemed guests, particularly the Chief Guest, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoo, for sparing valuable time to encourage and motivate the farming community of the region.

CEC Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoo visited various stalls set up by Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and government departments, where organic vegetables, agricultural tools, and equipment were displayed. He interacted with SHG members, inquired about their income generation and the benefits of government subsidies, and also listened to their feedback and concerns. During the event, Senior Scientist Dr. Nasreen Fatima and her team briefed the gathering on the "Field Day on Corn." She highlighted the nutritional value of sweet corn grown in Kargil, its potential for generating annual income, and its usefulness as animal fodder. The CEC was also briefed on Codling Moth management, cultural practices in Kargil, and their historical significance in the region.

In his address, Dr. Mohd Jaffer Akhoo underlined the importance of integrated agricultural practices. He said that such events bring him personal happiness as they directly benefit farmers. Stressing the importance of consuming organic produce, he noted that in today's era of adulterated and unhealthy foods, locally grown organic products are essential for both health and financial sustainability. The CEC emphasized that farmers are the pillars of society and assured that LAHDC Kargil is committed to extending all possible assistance, including subsidies on seeds, fodder, and agricultural equipment. He proudly highlighted that apricots and apples from Kargil are already being exported abroad and expressed hope that in the near future, vegetables, particularly mushrooms, will also find export markets. He extended heartfelt thanks to KVK Kargil-1, Agriculture, and Horticulture Departments for their tireless contributions.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Nazir, Scientist at KVK Kargil-1, highlighted the objectives of the Mela and encouraged farmers to disseminate information about government schemes and the economic potential of organic products. District Agriculture Officer, Ms. Razia Khatoon, motivated SHGs and farmers to adopt integrated farming practices, work towards self-reliance, and also invited them to participate in the upcoming Agriculture Mela. The event was attended by Chief Agriculture officer Ashiq Hussain, deputy director Command area development Mohd Iqbal, senior scientist KVK Kargil-1 Nasreen Fatima, District Agriculture Officer Kargil Razia Banoo and officials from KVK Kargil-1 and Agriculture and Horticulture.



