

Seed Distribution Drive Launched under PMKSY–WDC 2.0 in Leh District

Leh, Ladakh: A Seed Distribution Drive under the Production Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana – Watershed Development Component (PMKSY–WDC 2.0) was formally launched today from the Conference Hall, Leh. The programme was inaugurated by Assistant Commissioner Development (ACD), Mr. Ag Zargar, in the presence of officials, representatives of Self Help Groups (SHGs), Watershed Committee members, and farmers from different micro watersheds of the district.

Under the initiative, High Yielding Variety (HYV) seeds including vegetable seeds, fodder seeds, pulse seeds, green pea seeds, local pea seeds, oilseeds, and other crop varieties under mulching technology are being distributed to farmers across 26 Micro Watersheds covering six watershed projects in Leh district. The seeds are being provided on 100 percent subsidy under the Production Component of the project with the objective of promoting crop diversification, strengthening watershed-based agriculture, enhancing vegetative cover, and improving climate resilience in the region.

During the programme, Project Officer/Nodal Officer, Smt. Shenaz Tabassum, briefed the participants about the various components and objectives of PMKSY–WDC 2.0 implemented under the Rural Development Department & Panchayati Raj (RDD&PRI). She emphasized the importance of adopting improved and climate-resilient agricultural practices and urged farmers, Watershed Committee Chairpersons, Secretaries, and SHG members to actively participate in the programme to enhance food security, agricultural productivity, and livelihood income generation.

The Chief Guest, ACD Mr. Zargar, appreciated the efforts of IWMP Leh for its continued contribution towards the socio-economic development of rural communities in the district. He encouraged farmers to take full advantage of the schemes being implemented under watershed development programmes and to scale up agricultural crop production for better income and long-term sustainability.

To mark the commencement of the drive, different varieties of HYV seeds were distributed among the participants during the event. Following the launch, the seed distribution drive will be carried out across all 26 Micro Watersheds under the six ongoing watershed projects in Leh district, continuing the established practice of providing agricultural support and inputs to farmers under the project.

The initiative aims to promote sustainable agriculture, improved farm productivity, enhanced vegetative cover, and resilient watershed-based livelihoods, guided by the core principles of “Ecology, Economy, and Equity” under PMKSY–2.0.



