

## Shri Kailash Choudhary, Minister of State for Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer welfare visits CAZRI Regional Research Station, Leh

Sh. Kailash Choudhary, Minister of State for Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer welfare visited the ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) Regional Research Station, Leh on 11 February, 2024. He was accompanied by Sh. Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, Member of Parliament, Ladakh. Hon'ble Minister interacted with farmers and briefed about the different schemes of union government of India for farming community of Ladakh region and highlighted that Ladakh would be booming in agriculture sector through good agricultural practices. Shri Namgyal stressed that CAZRI Regional Research Station Leh should be strengthened further to address the complexities of farming in the most challenging Ladakh region. Executive Councillor for Agriculture LAHDC Leh Shri Stanzin Chosphele also addressed farmers and thanked Hon'ble Minister of State MoS for encouraging farming folk of this region during harsh winter. Improved agricultural equipments and inputs were provided Hemis and Shang villages that were selected under Tribal Sub Plan of Government of India. Dignitaries also visited Matho village.



On this occasion, farmers-scientist interaction was held at the Research Station, Stakna Leh, UT Ladakh. Dr. Maheshwar Singh, Head CAZRI-Regional Research Station, Leh highlighted fostering collaboration and knowledge exchange between farmers and scientists for the advancement of agriculture in the Ladakh region.

The program witnessed participation from SKUAST, HMAARI, and KVKs Leh and Nyoma. Progressive farmers shared their experience in farming sector and hailed the efforts of CAZRI. Ms. Stanzin Landol proposed vote of thanks.