

Shri Kailash Choudhary, Hon'ble MoS, Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Government visits ICAR-CAZRI RRS, Leh (UT)

ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute Regional Research Station at Leh, UT organized a Kisan Mela and an interactive meet with farming commune of Trans-Himalayan Mountain region of Ladakh on 4th July, 2021. Shri Kailash Choudhary, Hon'ble MoS, Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, Government of India was the Chief Guest and with Shri Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, the Hon'ble MP of the UT of Ladakh and Dr S. Bhaskar, Assistant Director General of ICAR were Special Guests.

Shri Kailash Choudhary, Hon'ble MoS expressed his opinion on highest relevance for strengthening linkages between research and farming communities. He underlined need of Integrated Farming System (IFS) and FPOs for bringing in a radical change in agrarian community of the country especially for cold arid region.

Shri Jamyang Tsering Namgyal, stressed upon categorically on schemes and programmes of the nation targeting exclusively the holistic development of Ladakh region and its people. He also spoke about how Ladakh is organic by default and is moving towards being a certified organic region through the Mission Organic Development Initiative (MODI) in detail.



Farmers from all the valleys of the UT of Ladakh like (Leh, Nubra, Changthang, Kargil) were present in this occasion and interacted very deeply with all the scholars and administrators cum legislators of the country and region. Mr. Ravinder Kumar, Secretary-Agriculture, representatives of several governments and SKUAST shared specifics of schemes of the nation and region aiming to make the agriculture practices a vibrant enterprise to retain and attract the youth of present and future.

Earlier, O. P. Yadav, Director, ICAR-Central Arid Zone Research Institute welcomed Hon'ble MoS and Hon'ble MP including all the high-level dignitaries and delegates. He highlighted pivotal importance on cold arid ecosystem, role of improved farming technologies and long-term implications on sustainable developmental progress of cold region. Mr. D Shah delivered vote of thanks. During this meet the local SOP related to COVID-19 were followed in letter and spirit.