## Foundation stone of KVK in Tabo laid

## 24th June, 2017

Sh, Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India unveiled the foundation stone of Krishi Vigyan Kendra in Tabo, Lahual Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh on 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2017.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Guest, Sh. Nadda articulated the role of KVK for imparting technical knowledge which is the need of the time for the overall development of farming community in hostile climatic conditions. He emphasized that the Government of India is working with the utmost aim of improving the economic status of farmers in remote and far flung areas like Tabo to bring them out of the vagaries of poverty. He urged the scientists to train the farmers in scientific production of apples and sea buckthorne berry as there is vast scope for production of these commodities for prosperity of tribal peasants.

Sh. Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Govt of India, Guest of honour of the programme, congratulated the farmers of Tabo region and hoped that with the establishment of KVK, there will be a visible change in the behavior and attitude of farmers towards adaption of new technologies related to agriculture. He mentioned that with the establishment of KVK, the farmers of the district will get exposure to new agricultural technologies, which will lead to higher productivity and prosperity of the farmers of this remote region. He compared the farmers of hilly regions of Himachal Pradesh and North East states and praised the farmers of Himachal Pradesh for their commitment and hard work.



Dr H. C. Sharma, VC, YSPUH&F, Solan presided over the function. In his welcome address, he highlighted importance of horticulture sector and mentioned that with the establishment of KVK, the farmers of the district will get exposure to new agricultural technologies. He also mentioned the efforts of scientists for developing technologies for better realization of income.

Dr. Rajbir Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana briefed the mandate of KVK and informed the house about schemes of Government and articulated the role of KVK for imparting technical knowledge to the farmers, farm women and rural youths as per their needs.



Dr. V. S. Thakur, Director Extension Education, YSPUH&F, Sloan presented the vote of thanks to the dignitaries and farmers present during the programme.

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