

Press Note

ICAR-CIPHET Observes Kisan Diwas 2025; Highlights Viksit Bharat Vision and VB-G RAMG Programme

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ICAR–Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (ICAR-CIPHET) organised Kisan Diwas on 23 December 2025, reaffirming its commitment to farmers and recognising their pivotal role in nation-building. The programme was organised in the spirit of honouring the legacy of Bharat Ratna Chaudhary Charan Singh, a stalwart champion of farmers’ rights, while addressing contemporary challenges and opportunities facing Indian agriculture.

The observance aligned with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, with the Theme 2025: “Viksit Bharat 2047 – The Role of FPOs in Globalising Indian Agriculture.” The theme underscored the growing importance of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) in enhancing farmers’ income, improving market access, promoting value addition, and positioning Indian agriculture competitively in global markets.

More than 150 farmers and stakeholders from Punjab and Kashmir participated in the programme. Dr. Nachiket Kotwaliwale, Director, ICAR-CIPHET, highlighted the significance of Kisan Diwas and elaborated on the 2025 theme, emphasising collective action, aggregation, and professional management through FPOs as key drivers for sustainable and inclusive agricultural growth.

A live webcast of the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (VB-G RAMG) programme was showcased to the participants, providing insights into the proposed transformational framework for rural livelihoods and infrastructure development. Dr. Ranjeet Singh, Head (Transfer of Technology Division), explained the salient features of the VB-G RAMG Programme, highlighting its focus on enhanced livelihood security, convergence with rural infrastructure creation, water security, climate resilience, and alignment with modern digital and spatial planning systems.

The programme also deliberated on the evolving rural economy, the need for reoriented employment and livelihood strategies, and the role of institutions like ICAR-CIPHET in supporting farmers through post-harvest technologies, value addition, entrepreneurship, and capacity building. All the stakeholders were also exposed to various post-harvest technologies through video films and live demonstrations. They were also sensitised to the post-harvest losses and waste, which can be reduced by the use of appropriate technology and a commitment to prevent losses and waste.

The Kisan Diwas celebration concluded with a strong message that farmers are not only food providers but also partners in India’s journey towards Viksit Bharat, and that empowered farmers, strong FPOs, and modern rural institutions are central to achieving prosperity, resilience, and global competitiveness in agriculture.

