

Agriculture stakeholder-meet, 2013 organized at Leh on 14th November, 2013

The first agriculture stakeholder meet, 2013 for the Leh - Ladakh region has been organized by the recently established Regional Research Station, Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) at Leh in collaboration with the local agriculture department on 14th November, 2013. The meet was inaugurated by Sh. Sonam Dorje, Hon'ble Executive Councilor (Agriculture), Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh. He emphasized the need and scope of collaborative agriculture production augmentation activities in this region by involving all the stakeholders. He appreciated the effective measures of ICAR/CAZRI for livelihood security through agriculture in this region and released a leaflet *Potential and sustainable livelihood agriculture opportunities in winter season for Leh - Ladakh region*.



There were 35 participants in this meeting drawn from various departments viz., agriculture, horticulture, forestry, animal husbandry Departments, LAHDC; Head and subject matter specialists of Defence Institute of High Altitude Research (DIHAR) , High Mountain Arid Agriculture Research Institute and KVK of SKUAST – K, RRS, CAZRI; Directors of NGOs viz., Leh Nutrition Project, Ladakh Ecological Development Group; Chairman of Sarpanch committee, farmers, agriculture entrepreneurs and research scholars. In this meeting detailed discussions on problems and possible measures towards sustainable crop, animal, tree and soil management in the regions were held. There is a great scope of introducing improved varieties of wheat, barley, oats, potato and grass for optimization of productivity. Low cost protection cultivation practices, especially during winters emerged another key important area.



Earlier, Dr. P. Ratha Krishnan, Officer in-charge of CAZR-RRS welcomed the participants and in the end vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Tsering Dorje, District Agriculture Officer, LAHDC.