

# Need to set up agro-business consortiums at dist level: Guv

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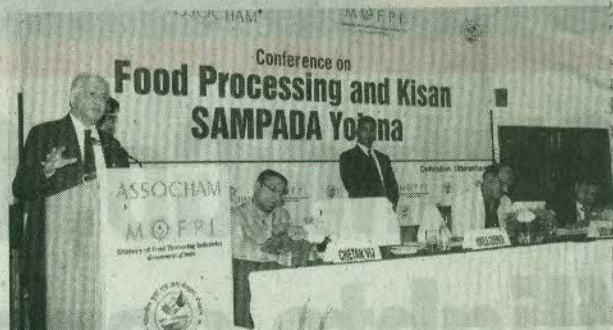
The Governor Krishan Kant Paul has highlighted a need for creation of agro-business consortiums at district level so that the farmers are provided with necessary information for agriculture.

He was addressing a conference on Food processing and Kisan Sampada Yojana organised by the Associate Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM) in association with Ministry of Food Processing Government of India and Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation here on Tuesday.

The Governor said that it is unfortunate that the farmers don't get good prices for their crops and the agro business consortiums can help farmers by giving information about marketing to them.

Giving the example of Bulgarian Rose, the Governor said that there is great demand for this expensive flower in our country and conditions for growing this exotic flower in many parts of Uttarakhand especially Munsiyari are conducive.

He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has resolved to double the income of farmers by 2022 and to fulfil it all aspects of farming



would have to be focussed upon.

Promoting agriculture, cultivation of aromatic plants and horticulture should be done, he added. He said that the G B Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, has prepared report on best crops suited for every district of the state and the government and farmers should take help of this report.

Emphasizing on development of agricultural infrastructure in remote areas the governor said that facilities for storage, supply chain and food processing will have to be set up in the State.

In his address, the Agriculture minister Subodh Uniyal said that to check migration from the state, agriculture should be focused upon and value addition through food processing is important to enhance the income of the

farmers.

He said that the central government is giving full support for developing agriculture in the state and recently ₹ 700 Crore scheme had been approved for developing horticulture in the state. Regretting on high post-harvest phase loss in the State, Uniyal called for adopting proper food processing techniques in the state.

The Minister informed that in Chamoli district, the state government is encouraging floriculture as there is a great demand for flowers by the temples and other religious places.

The Director Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Dr P K Mishra and Assocham's Chetan Vij, many agricultural scientists and farmers were present on the occasion.

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Speaking at the conference in association with Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Government of ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil & Water Conservation. Governor said that farmers could not get good prices for their crops. Agro business consortiums can help farmers in this as they could give them information about marketing.

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this exotic flower, especially in Munsiyari. Some people were growing it but information about its marketing was needed. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had resolved to double the income of farmers by 2022. For this, all aspects of farming would have to be focused upon and besides promoting agriculture, cultivation of aromatic plants and horticulture would also have to be developed and enhanced.

Governor said that soil of each district of Uttarakhand had a distinction. According to a report prepared by G.B.Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, various crops could be grown in the various districts to give maximum benefit to farmers according to the soil in that district. Governor said that agricultural infrastructure would have to be developed in remote areas. Facilities for storage, supply chain and

food processing will have to be set up. Agriculture Minister Subodh Uniyal said that to check migration from the state, agriculture must be focused up on. Value addition through food processing is important. He said that the central government was giving support for developing agriculture in the state. A Rs.700 crore scheme had been approved for horticulture. In the last 17 years, this was the greatest support to the state. He said that there was a lot of loss during the post-harvest phase in the state and for this food processing must be adopted. In Chamoli district, the state government was encouraging floriculture as there was a great demand for flowers by the temples. Director of ICAR Dr.P.K. Mishra and Assocham's Chetan Vij and several agriculture scientists and farmers were present.

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राज्यपाल डॉ. केके पॉल और कृषि मंत्री सुबोध उनियाल ने मंगलवार को सिस्टम, साइटिस्ट और स्टूडेंट को आईना दिखाया और कुछ अहम नसीहतें दीं।

मौका था सुभाष रोड स्थित एक होटल में आयोजित खाद्य प्रसंस्करण और किसान संपदा योजना पर एसोचेम के सेमिनार का।

उन्होंने कहा कि सरकारी योजनाएं बनती तो हैं पर उनका जमीन पर होते हुए दिखना भी जरूरी है। इसी प्रकार वैज्ञानिक रिसर्च कर रहे हैं पर बंद

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राज्यपाल ने कहा कि सरकारी योजनाओं का आम आदमी और किसान को लाभ तभी मिलेगा, जब योजनाओं का जमीनी स्तर पर क्रियान्वयन हो। उन्होंने किसानों को खेती से जुड़ी जरूरी जानकारियां देने के लिए जिला स्तर पर एग्रो बिजनेस कंसोर्टियम बनाने पर बल दिया। कहा कि राज्य में बागवानी, फूलों की खेती की अपार संभावनाएं हैं।

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