

Reduce agrarian distress, formulate plan for farmers' welfare: Governor

Inaugurates conference on Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana

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facilities and modern preservation techniques. "If we endeavour to minimise this waste, producers' surplus will increase substantially," he added.

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tion of this yojana to formulate sector-wise schemes under the ambit of this flagship programme so as to double the income of the farmers by 2022-23, promote farmers' welfare and reduce agrarian distress.

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Parvez Ahmed, Chairman and CEO, J&K Bank Ltd, KB Subramanian, Director, Ministry of Food Processing Industries, Goli DS Rawat, Secretary, General, ASSOCHAM, and Javed Ahmed Tanga, president, Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry, presented their views on the opportunities available to farmers to become entrepreneurs by taking full advantage of benefits available under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana.

The Governor presented certificates of skill development programmes to course directors and ICAR's best teacher awards to the teachers of the university. Later, the Governor visited the High-Density Apple Orchard & Rootstock Block of the university and enquired about the health of high-density apple crops.

Inadequate awareness about flagship SAMPADA scheme in J&K: Governor Vohra

Inaugurates conference on food processing at SKUAST-K

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The governor was speaking after the inauguration of a daylong conference on 'Food Processing and Pradhan Mantri Kisan Smpada Yojana' at the Shalimar Campus of the Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology Kashmir on Thursday, according to an official spokesperson.

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Governor urged the vice chancellors of the agriculture universities and other entities involved in the implementation of this Yojna to formulate sound sector wise schemes under the ambit of this flagship programme so as to double the farmer's income by 2022-23, promote farmers' welfare and reduce agrarian distress.

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Governor inaugurates day-long conference at SKUAST



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