

Organization of Training Programme on Water Management in Cold Arid Region of Ladakh

A training programme on water management in cold arid region of Leh was organized by CAZRI' newly established regional research station at Satkna, Leh in collaboration with SKUAST-K and its KVK on July 25, 2013. 74 participants representing various line departments viz., Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Ladakh Environmental and Health Organisation (LEHO), Ladakh Ecological Development Group (LEDeG), Ladakh Nutritional Project (LNP), Command Area Development (CAD) and farmers from nearby villages attended the training program.



Topics covered in this programme included Use of Plasticulture in Agriculture, Watershed Management, Green House Technology for Vegetable Cultivation besides experience sharing on Soil and Water Conservation. An Open House Discussion Session was also organized. In this session farmers expressed their need for improved seeds and plastic for mulching in their field. One farmer expressed as "*If CAZRI is SHIRT we (farmers) are its SLEEVES*".

The programme convenor was Dr RK Goyal, Principal Scientist and I/c CAZRI-RRS-Leh. He spoke about water management issues in Ladakh. The other speakers were Dr. M. S. Mir, Associate Director (Research) at SKUAST-K's Station at Leh and Dr. D. Namgyal, Project Coordinator, KVK, Leh and Mr Tsering Tundup from LNP.