

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India

Agriculture Minister inaugurates Farm office-cum- Field laboratory building at Indian Institute Floricultural Research, Pune

Value addition in flower cops a key to increase the income of farmers - Shri Tomar

New Delhi/ Pune, 4th January, 2022, Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India, Sh. Narendra Singh Tomar ji inaugurated the first infrastructure facility "Farm Office cum Field Laboratory" at ICAR-Indian Institute of Floricultural Research (ICAR-IIFR). In his inaugural address Shri. Narendra Singh Tomar accentuated the importance of value addition of flowers and processing in increasing the income of farmers.

Shri Tomar said that Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji has implemented a number of schemes for the development of agriculture sector. The government is also working in a planned manner to promote floriculture. He referred the Waste to Wealth mission and also said that agricultural products should meet global standards. Through research, agriculture should be developed in such a way that youth can be attracted towards it and new employment can be created. Shri Tomar said while developing a new flower variety, care should be taken that the fragrance of flowers is not reduced, as it is an integral part.

Minister of State Shri Kailash Choudhary stressed on the need to popularize the varieties among farmers through Lab to Land initiative while, highlighting the importance of dissemination of technologies developed in laboratories. He appreciated the scientists of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) institutes for developing improved varieties and technologies.

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Director General (ICAR), Dr. A.K. Singh, Deputy Director General (Horticultural Science) also addressed the gathering. Dr. K.V. Prasad, Director, Indian Institute of Floricultural Research thanked everyone for joining the occasion. Floriculture farmers, nurserymen, exporters, representatives of state agricultural universities and other stakeholders were present in the program.