

Apple Day -Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav Celebrated by ICAR- **Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture**

The ICAR-Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture Celebrated *Apple Day* on 9th September 2021 As part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotasav. Shri Narendra Singh Tomar,Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture and farmers welfare, Government of India was chief guest of the function. Sh. Kailash Choudhary. Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ms. Shobha Kalandrale, Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Dr. Farook Khan, Advisor to Hon'ble LLG of J&K graced the occasion as Guest of Honour..

Dr. A K Singh, Deputy. Director General, ICAR, welcomed the guests and highlighted about salient achievements of the institute. Dr. O C Sharma, Director CITH, senior Officers from Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Govt. of India and Agriculture and Farmers welfare Department UT of J&K and other line departments were also present. About 80 Farmers and rural youths participated in the programme.

The Minister in the presence of Guests Dedicated the Automatic Agro Weather Station established at KVK Baramulla under GKMS Scheme to the farming community to issue Agro Advisory Services with increased accuracy.

The minister in his address said that government under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi is committed to double farmer's income by 2022 and described development strategies to achieve this objective. He appealed to the farmers for better application of technology towards enhanced farm productivity and to make agriculture as more profitable enterprise and better living standards. Earlier he visited the experimental farm and inspected Technology Park to acquaint with technologies and planting material generated by the Institute.