

Visit of Hon'ble Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR to DMR, Solan

Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, Dr. H.P. Singh, DDG (Hort.), Dr. U.C. Srivasatava, ADG (Hort.-II) and Dr. Birpal Singh, Director, CPRI, Shimla visited DMR, Solan on 02.06.2011. Dr. S. Ayyappan addressed the staff and viewed that mushrooms are important in specialty / secondary agriculture, health foods, etc. He



interacted with the scientists and discussed issues requiring focus during XII Plan. Dr. H.P. Singh, DDG (H) narrated the growth of mushroom industry in the country, the problems faced, need for varietal development and standards for spawn and compost. Dr. U.C. Srivastava expressed the need for a megaproject on medicinal mushrooms like Cordyceps. Dr. Birpal Singh emphasized on mushroom diversification needs in different parts of the country.