

Indo-Israel Agriculture Project to establish Centres of Excellence in J&K

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MASHAV will guide the CoE and transfer Israeli knowledge into the IIAP. CoE will comprise nursery management, best practices cultivation techniques, irrigation, and fertigation. The region has the potential to produce vegetables and fruits by using modern technology for which MSHAV is ready to extend guidance and support in the form of expertise and technical know-how to the farmers and the department alike.

MASHAV is leading the IIAP from the strategic and tactical aspect while providing professional leadership during the planning and executing phase, transfer of knowledge and agro-technology. MASHAV is ready to establish two centres one each in

Jammu and Kashmir divisions for which Detailed Project Report would be prepared in consultation with the Agriculture Department.

India and Israel have strategic cooperation on the Government-to-Government level in the field of agriculture. Centres will establish under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) scheme with authorizing, budgeting and monitoring the project while State governments allocate staff, land and another budget.