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Awareness cum Capacity Building Programme on Management of Apple Leaf Blotch Miner

Organized by
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Background: The apple leaf blotch miner (*Leucoptera malifoliella*) is an emerging pest in temperate apple orchards that threatens productivity. Its larvae mine leaf tissue, reducing photosynthesis, weakening trees, and affecting fruit quality. Severe infestations lead to premature leaf fall and long-term orchard decline. With multiple generations per season, management is challenging. Therefore, awareness programmes are essential to promote monitoring through pheromone traps, adoption of integrated pest management, and sustainable control practices to protect orchard health and ensure stable apple production.



Importance:

- ❖ Promote regular monitoring using pheromone traps for early detection.
- ❖ Encourage adoption of integrated pest management (IPM) strategies combining biological, cultural, and chemical controls.
- ❖ Highlight sustainable control measures to minimize pesticide reliance and protect orchard ecosystems.

Objectives:

- ❖ Build capacity among orchardists and extension workers.
- ❖ Disseminate practical knowledge on pest identification, lifecycle, and damage symptoms.
- ❖ Strengthen community-level preparedness to safeguard consistent apple production.

District	Number of programmes /District	Duration/ programme	No. of participants/ programme	Targeted beneficiaries
Baramulla	03	1 Day	150/Programme	Progressive as well as marginal farmers

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