NDRI celebrates ICAR Foundation Day

Karnal: The National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) celebrated the ICAR Foundation Day on 16.7.2014 in village Taraori. In the programme all the Head of the Divisions and Dairy production scientists, scientists of the Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) Regional Station, Sugar Cane Breeding Research Institute (SBI) Regional Station located here and large numbers of farmers from different villages participated in the programme.

Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Director, NDRI while addressing the gathering as a Chief Guest stressed that as the weather is unpredictable for the past couple of the years therefore there is an urgent need that the scientists should develop newer technologies in the area of crop and dairy husbandry which are directly relevant under field conditions.

Dr Srivastava said that there is a need that the policy makers, the scientists and the various state departments should evolve the strategies so to introduce different crop combinations in paddy-wheat production system which require less water and have equal profitability as compared to the present crop production system.

He added that the farmers should integrate the various components of the mixed farming system of crop and dairy husbandry along with fisheries, bee keeping and mushroom production so that in case there is change in the weather that may not affect the income of the farm families.

On this occasion Dr. S.S. Atwal, Head, IARI, Regional Station touched various issues pertaining to the standing paddy crop and also informed that IARI has evolved a new variety of carrot which can be grown at the end of August.

Dr. S.K. Pandey, Head, SBI, Regional Station informed that eight new varieties of the sugarcane will be available to the farmers soon and he suggested that farmers should properly irrigate the standing sugarcane crop.

Dr. Shiv Prasad, Head, Livestock Production and Management Division gave tips to the farmers on how to manage the cattle and buffalo under the prevalent hot and humid condition. Dr. R.K. Yadav of the CSSRI and Dr. V.K. Pandita said that in the various standing crops including the horticultural crops in case they observe the yellowing of leaves in some plants the farmers should prefer the foliar spray of urea.

Dr. Dalip K. Gosain, Programme Coordinator, of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, NDRI said that there was an urgent need of adoption of resource conservation agriculture by the farmers.
He also said that the farmers present in the programme should share the learnt recommendations made today amongst the fellow farmers of their villages so that they are also benefited.

On this occasion Mr. Vikas Choudhary and Mr. Manoj Kumar progressive farmers of Taraori explained their experiences on direct seeding of rice and conservation agriculture. Mr. Ram Singh a progressive dairy farmer also shared his views on scientific dairy farming.

Dr. A.K. Srivastava and all the Head of the divisions later visited the research platform maintained by Mr. Vikas Choudhary and Mr. Manoj Kumar.