

ICAR-National Research Centre on Plant biotechnology organized Farmers Day under Mera Gaov Mera Gaurav Programm

The ICAR-National Research Centre on Plant Biotechnology, New Delhi organized Farmers Day on 9th October, 2017 in order to address the farmers need, their problems, and biotechnological intervention in agricultural research. Forty progressive farmers of MGMG adapted villages viz. Nekpur, Khajpur, Nar-Mohammad, Agauta, Kakurghadhi, Badauth of Mathura and Bulandashar districts of Uttar Pradesh participated in the function. Dr. Sanjay Singh, Principal Scientist convened and initiated the programme with brief introduction of NRCPB research priorities.

In his welcome address, the Project Director Prof. N. K. Singh emphasized the centre's commitment towards farm orientated research. He also sensitized scientists of NRCPB to take up research which are relevant to the farming community. Other dignitaries present on the occasion were Dr. Srinivasan (Former Project Director and Emeritus Scientist), Dr. S.R. Bhat (Emeritus Scientist), Prof. R. C. Bhattacharya. The dignitaries also distributed seed packets of mustard variety "Pusa Jaikisan" and some reading materials to the farmers. Dr S. R. Bhat also addressed farmers and shared very valuable information on mustard cultivation. Farmers also discussed their day to day farming related difficulties in the meeting. Few farmers viz. Shri. Deepak Cauhan, Shri. Kushal Pal, Shri. Pawan Kumar, Shri. Arvind Kumar Singh and Shri Ram Kumar Singh were felicitated with Krishak Mitra Samman award by NRCPB. There was a talk on Biofertilizer and their application in cultivation of different crops by Dr. Y.P. Singh Principal Scientist, Agronomy Division, ICAR, New Delhi. He also emphasized necessity of cultivation of legume crops for good soil health. Later on farmers also visited rice and pegenionpea fields and interacted with NRCPB scientists.

