



Farm Innovators Day

- Mansa Devi, 28 February 2015. With the aim to have an open interaction with farmers and scientists and also to honour deserving hard working farmers who contributed to the development of agriculture through adoption and dissemination of modern agricultural technologies the Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Research Centre organized Farm Innovators Day at Mansa Devi Research Farm, Haryana. At the outset, a brief introduction on implication of Farm Innovators Day celebration was given by the Coordinator, Dr Ram Prasad. Different technologies developed by the centre for increasing crop production from degraded lands were discussed with



the farmers. Chief guest, Sh H.S. Lohan (Ex-Director of Agriculture, Haryana), addressed the gathering and emphasized the need for adoption of innovative agricultural technologies and also enlightened the farmers in different ways of overcoming field level constraints faced by farmers. A detail feedback was taken from the farmers regarding their needs to develop a more improved production system. The major problems of the region highlighted by the farmers were water scarcity, lack of guidance for application of manures and fertilizers, insect problem in ginger, tomato, mango and *aonla*, availability of quality seeds, problems of livestock management. The proposal of farmers with respect to establishment of more numbers of dams, self-help group, renovation of ponds, field leveling and laying of pipelines were evaluated. Field visit was conducted to show the technologies developed to the farmers and tested at the research farm.

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