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Farmers'-scientist interaction on

- **Farmer FIRST programme**

Dehra Dun, 28 December 2016. Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation (IISWC) organized two Farmers *Goshties* for fruitful interaction between farmers and scientists under Farmer FIRST programme on 27 and 28 December 2016. Dr P.K. Mishra (Director, IISWC, Dehra Dun) urged the farmers to get organized and extend their involvement in Farmer FIRST programme interventions. On-site input management like horticulture nursery development, flower cultivation, vermi-compost, quality seed production etc. was emphasized. Dr Mishra distributed saplings of plum and peach for inclusion in nutritional garden. Wheat var. 'HS-507' and 'VL-892' and lentil var. 'Pant-8' demonstrated at farmers fields were visited by the Director and all the scientists and necessary suggestions were given for weed control and inter-culture operations. Dr Mishra said that water harvesting is necessary to utilize for life-saving irrigation and vegetable cultivation. Based on agro-ecosystem and farmers' need, the interventions are to be designed. Major attention to empower the rural youths and farm women was given by introducing income generating activities. Regular interface with farmers, scientists and line departments needs to be promoted for regular technology sharing.

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