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Union Minister of State for Agriculture inaugurates *Kisan Goshthi-cum-Exhibition*

Muzaffarnagar, 14 December 2014. *Kisan Goshthi-cum-Exhibition* was organized in Barwala village of Muzaffarnagar with a theme of 'Efficient water management for higher sugarcane productivity'.

Union Minister of State for Agriculture, Dr Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Chief Guest of the programme, emphasized that such sensitization programmes and live demonstration of



technologies at farmers' door will enthruse confidence to adopt modern technologies. He added that action research programmes can help tremendously in diffusion of technologies.

Dr Alok K. Sikka (DDG, NRM) said that Muzaffarnagar district is known as Sugar Bowl of India as is under severe stress due to over-exploitation of groundwater. In over-exploited blocks, the groundwater is declining at a alarming rate and urged that integrated effort of managing demand and augmenting supply can reverse the process of declining water resources. Dr H.S. Gaur (Vice Chancellor, SBPAU&T), stressed upon the soil-health management and informed that soil-health card is prepared by the Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Muzaffarnagar and fertilizer application based on soil-test will help to balance the fertilizer application. Dr A.K. Singh (DDG, Agric. Extn) urged the farmers to make use of scientific technologies as this is the era of science and organization of such awareness programme help in demonstrating of modern technologies. More than 700 farmers participated in the programme.