



Agro-Tech 2014

Chandigarh, 25 November 2014. Research Centre, Chandigarh actively participated in AgroTech-2014, organized by Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) from 22 to 25 November 2014 at Chandigarh. The major research activities pertaining to watershed management and water harvesting along with scientific technologies developed by the centre were exhibited through digital posters at the venue.

Farmers, orchardists and various agro-entrepreneurs showed keen interest in *aonla*, *bael*, and other hardy plant species.

The demonstrations were also made to emphasize on the effect of soil erosion and excessive use of fertilizers and other agrochemicals e.g. pesticides/herbicides, on gradual decline soil-health and factor productivity, which has become a grave cause of concern. The organic farming technologies combined with modern scientific tools and technologies can help in sustainable crop production while maintaining the soil-health and long-term fertility. The vermi-composting using earthworm species like *Eisenia foetida* and *Lumbricus rubellus* (the red worm) were demonstrated to all the visitors and role of biofertilizers in boosting productivity using natural mechanisms were also highlighted. The pamphlets containing relevant materials were distributed and technologies were thoroughly discussed with the interested visitors.

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