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**'Farmer FIRST' at**

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Dehra Dun, 17 November 2016. Dr P.K. Mishra (Director, IISWC) launched the 'Farmer FIRST' programme in 23 villages of Raipur block in Dehra Dun district. The Farmer FIRST programme was based on enriching knowledge and integrating technologies, enhancing farmers-scientists interface, onsite input management, institutional building and content mobilisation for further technology application and knowledge sharing.

In this programme, three clusters of villages namely Koti *gaon* group of hamlets (Sriyon, Ghandol, Chaukion, Jhabrani, Koti maychak, Chakchauba, Koti, Tegpur and Kaknawa); Sindhwal *gaon* group of hamlets (Badwali, Mudia, Dhaksari, Sindhwal *gaon*, Lethdi, Godishera, Kuther, Thal, Ranikhet, Bhagwanpur, Simiyand and Talai); and Badasi Grant group of hamlets (Badasi, Dandi and Dhanyadi hamlets) were covered. Dr P.K. Mishra distributed 'HS 507' and 'VL 892' wheat and PL 8 cv. of lentil among farmers. The farmers were oriented about scientific cultivation of crops and also motivated to get involved in participatory research along with multi-disciplinary team of scientists. In all 617 farm-families benefitted through different technological modules and interventions.

Dr Lakhan Singh (Head, HRD&SS) focused on agro-ecosystem analysis, different technological modules like crop-based interventions; Natural Resource Management based modules for water-harvesting, check dams and field bunds to control bank cutting and damage to adjacent agriculture land, solid waste management; Enterprise-based module for rural youths like insect proof net house for healthy vegetable/flower nursery raising, integrated farming system; Livestock management; and some other income generating activities were conducted in the villages.

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