

Awareness cum sensitization workshop under Farmer FIRST Programme

One day training cum sensitization programme was organized on 16-10-2017 under Farmer FIRST Programme entitled 'Participatory Technology Application and Multi-Stakeholder Convergence for Market led Agripreneurship and Sustainable Rural livelihood' at Dadhota village of Palwal district, Haryana. Under the programme two lectures on '**Feeding management of dairy animal for clean milk production and herd health**' and '**Prevention and management of parasitic diseases in dairy animals**' was delivered and discussed at length with the farmers. Feeding of the dairy animals with locally available resources and feed ingredients for clean milk production, improvement in milk production, income generation in dairying to attract youth in the sector was the part of the programme. Details of ration formulation, metabolic disease occurrence and prevention, ratio of green and dry fodder along with quantity of compound feed to be offered to improve productivity was also the part of the discussion. Very few farmers are using mineral mixture and salt to the dairy animals on regular basis and some expressed that its only the wastage of money or some farmers are not aware of mineral mixture feeding to the animals. It was convinced to feed mineral mixture in the compound feed mandatory to keep livestock healthy, disease free and productive. Internal and external parasites in the study area are very much prevalent and affecting the health of the livestock but rarely dosing of anthelmintics used by the farmers. The farmers expressed their concerns regarding the low productivity of their animals and parasitic diseases, mastitis. It was discussed and suggested to use anthelmintic drugs will be used in the region for better health. Some of the ailing buffaloes and cows were also treated during the awareness camp. About 150 Farmers participants from Katesara, Amarapur and Dadhota villages were participated in the programme.

A team of scientists Dr. Goutam Mondal, Sr Scientist (Animal Nutrition), ICAR- NDRI, Karnal, and staff of Farmer FIRST Programme Sh Shailendra Sharma, Sh. Rajesh Kumar & Sh. Abhinash Mendali organized the capacity building activity of the village.

