

Swachchhta Abhiyan cum kisangoshthi in village Khajurka, Palwal, Haryana

A programme, as a part of activities under *SwachchhtaAbhiyaan* in the *SwachchhtaPakhwada* (16th -31st May, 2016), along with a Kisan-Goshthi was arranged at village Khajurka, Dist. Palwal of Haryana on 27th May, 2016 by CATAT. The purpose of the programme was to begin a sustained campaign of cleanliness, awareness about pollutants and transforming some of them into products useful to farmers for health and economic benefit.

The programme was graced by Dr. J. P. Sharma, Joint Director (Extension) of IARI as the President. Dr. Pawan Sharma, Deputy Director (Agriculture) of Palwal was the Guest of Honour in the programme. Scientists from different Divisions and Units of IARI and line department officials of Palwal also participated in the programme.

Dr. J. P. Sharma, Joint Director (Extension) stressed upon strengthening the value of cleanliness in individual habit as well as in society, the first step for success of this programme. He encouraged farmers to think beyond the present situation and shared anecdotes of successful agro-entrepreneurs incubated by IARI and the various unique programmes of the Institute to encourage and felicitate farmers' effort in transforming their lives.

Dr. Pawan Sharma, DDA, Palwal lauded the efforts of IARI in transforming far flung villages in agriculturally enriched areas through transfer of technology and knowledge dissemination in adopted villages. He urged the farmers to avail as much as possible knowledge from this association and declared full cooperation of his department with IARI.

Scientists from IARI shared their experiences and suggested measures to reduce the load of pollutants form surroundings, present in form of solid waste, human excreta, agricultural refuse and agro chemicals, air pollutants, the evil effect of their presence in the vicinity and explained the ways of turning some of them into useful products like manures, bio gas with a possibility of generating wealth from them as well

Officers from the line departments provided useful information to farmers, regarding the various policies of the State Government and Central governments.



1. Joint Director (Extension), Felicitating Deputy Director (Agriculture) of Palwal on the occasion of Swachhta Abhiyan cum Kisan Goshthi at village, Khajurka, Palwal, Haryana



2. Joint Director (Extension) sharing his experiences and sensitizing the farmers to adopt new techniques.



3. Dr. Sarbasis Chakravorty addressing the farmers during the interaction session.