

## **Foundation Day of ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi Celebration and Farmers' Workshop on improving income of Farmers in Bundelkhand Region**

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ICAR- Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi celebrated its 29<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2017.

Shri Chandrika Prasad Upadhyay Hon'ble MLA, Chitrakootdham Karwi (U.P.) was the Chief Guest of the function. Shri Upadhyay, in his foundation day lecture he highlighted the development of downtrodden farmers by transferring the agricultural and agroforestry technologies at their field. He asked scientists to undertake research which is pro-active, anticipatory, problem-solving, result-oriented and farmer participatory in approach. and in a network mode. He emphasized on protection and optimum utilization of natural resources as well as diversification of production in Bundelkhand region while working with farmers and solving the problems in real field situations.

Special guest Dr. P.K. Ghosh, Director, ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi appreciated the contributions made by the CAFRI. He said that Livestock and Agroforestry are the important component of Integrated Farmins System (IFS) and emphasized that IFS is the only alternative to double the income of farmers. Special guest Er. Anil Srivastava, Prantiya Sah-karyawah, RSS, Kanpur said that benefits of research should be visible at farmers' field. He emphasized that we should not be self-centered but have to work for society and farmers. Special guest Dr. Kapil Singh, secretary SPANDAN, New Delhi said that there is need of more extension activities for the benefit of farmers. He quoted that Dr. Pradeep Tandan, founder secretary of SPANDAN is very much interested for the development of Bundelkhand farmers with participatory mode of Central and State government.

Dr. O.P. Chaturvedi, Director, ICAR-CAFRI, Jhansi briefed about salient achievements and new initiatives of the Institute during 2016. He mentioned about the sustainable development, ecosystem services and rural livelihood issues in agroforestry. He emphasized the Institute activities being taken in adopted villages of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh under 'Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav' programme.

On the occasion a farmers' workshop entitled **“Doubling the income of Bundelkhand farmers by natural resource management and alternative land use systems”** was also organized. The workshop was organized in collaboration with World Agroforestry Centre, South Asia Regional Office, New Delhi, SPANDAN, New Delhi, ISAF, Jhansi and ICAR-CAFRI, Jhansi. Total 165 farmers from U.P. & M.P. have

participated in the workshop. Six progressive farmers including one women farmer were honoured for adopting agroforestry technologies and setting example for other farmers in the Bundelkhand region. An exhibition was also coordinated by Dr. RP Dwivedi, Principal Scientist (Agril Extension) in which ICAR institutes, KVKs and Line Departments of Jhansi (U.P.) and Datia (M.P.) showcased their technologies and products for the benefit of farmers. Seven publications were released during the occassion. In this event scientists and officers from State line-departments, KVKs, NGOs, IGFRI, Jhansi, IISWC, Datia and NABARD were also presnt.

*(Source: ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi)*



