

Kisan Gosthi organized at village Rajapur, District-Jhansi by ICAR-CAFRI, Jhansi on 29.02.2020

ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi has organized Kisan Gosthi at village Rajapur, Block-Babina in Jhansi district on 29.02.2020. Farmers from village Rajapur (District Jhansi) had participated in the programme. The purpose of Gosthi was to create awareness amongst the farmers about agroforestry in Bundelkhand. Various activities i.e. farmer awareness programme, Scientists-Farmers interaction, and gosthi with farmers were organized. The programme was chaired by Dr. R.P. Dwivedi, Principal Scientist (Agrilcultural Extension). Dr. Dwivedi (Convener) expressed that farmers should be made aware about the innovations and new feasible technologies so that it will help the farmers in improving their livelihood options and income. Co-conveners Dr S.B. Chavan Scientist (Forestry) and Dr Dhiraj Kumar Scientist (Soil Science) delivered subject matter talk on Agroforestry and soil fertility improvement respectively. Farmers expressed their views on growing of MPTS on bunds and fruit trees along with crops. Farmers also expressed the problems resulting due to drought i.e. drinking water, irrigation water, fodder, crop productivity, etc. Anna Pratha (let loose animals) is a major problem informed by farmers. The Kisan Gosthi was assisted by Sh. Rajesh Srivastava, ACTO. The subject wise details were discussed during the brain storming session. Soil water conservation, crops cultivation, fruit, fodder, fuelwood and timber trees were discussed. On the occasion the small agricultural equipments (Knapsack sprayer, Gaiti, Phawda, Tasla, Hasia and Khurpi) were distributed under SCSP programme. Farmers were provided technical know-how during question answer session. A multidisciplinary team of Scientists from CAFRI, Jhansi visited the villages and interacted with farmers on problems related to agriculture and agroforestry and suggested the suitable technologies and management practices to get benefit in the cultivation. The farmers were also made aware of alternative systems which can provide maximum benefits in terms of production and livelihood during the drought situation. During gosthi farm women, rural youth, marginal and small farmers were actively participated in group discussion and question-answer session. The farmers were also made aware about the Constitution of India. Total 150 farmers were participated in the programme. Progressive Farmer shri Bal Kishan Ydav expressed his views and proposed the vote of thanks.

