

## ICAR-IARI Organized Kisan Gosthi on Crop Diversification

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A Krishak Goshthi was organized at Jafarpur village of Rudrapur, Uttarakhand on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025. About 30 farmers hailing from Gadarpur, Bajpur, Kichha, Beneshpur, Rudrapur, and Jafarpur participated actively and put forth the region-specific problems faced by them in agriculture. Key areas of discussion included availability of improved and disease-free quality seeds; adopting efficient horticultural management practices; crop diversification, intercropping and intensive farming techniques; enhancing soil fertility; managing diseases in paddy crops; and crop diversification including adoption of early-maturing mustard and pigeonpea varieties for better productivity and profitability of the farmers.

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director and Vice-Chancellor of ICAR-IARI, New Delhi addressed the farmers and shared insights on the improved-crop varieties developed by the institute, latest technologies, seed quality and the importance of agricultural innovations. He encouraged farmers to adopt these technologies and modern agricultural interventions to enhance their profits, preserve soil fertility, and ensured the availability of quality seeds. On this occasion, Joint Director (Research) of the Institute, Dr. Viswanathan C; Head (Genetics), Dr. Gopala Krishnan S and In-charge, Seed Production Unit, Dr. Gyanendra Singh also addressed the issues raised by the farmers and provided useful suggestions for enhancing productivity and profitability. Progressive farmers including Sardar Harnam Singh Chawla, Shri Baj Singh, Shri Vinod Gumber and Shri Amrik Singh participated in the Goshthi.



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