

**Kisan Sangothi on “Nutritional Security and Integrated Crop–Livestock Management” on
23 February 2026 at Palwal, Haryana under Farmers FIRST Project**

A Kisan Sangothi on “Nutritional Security and Integrated Crop–Livestock Management” was successfully organized on 23 February 2026 at Dhadhota village, Palwal, Haryana under the Farmers FIRST Project. The event witnessed active participation of more than 40 farmers and aimed at strengthening agricultural sustainability, nutritional security, and livestock-based livelihoods in the region.

The programme commenced with a welcome address delivered by Mr. Shubham, Senior Research Fellow (SRF), Farmers FIRST Project. He briefly introduced the objectives of the project and emphasized the significance of integrated farming approaches for enhancing farmers’ income and resilience.

Dr. Kapila Sekhawat, Principal Scientist, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi delivered lecture on nutritional security and the importance of summer cropping systems. She highlighted the vital role of pulse crops, particularly summer moongbean, in improving soil fertility through biological nitrogen fixation. She elaborated on the benefits of incorporating pulses into cropping systems and discussed improved varieties released by the institute suitable for the region.

Dr. Jai Singh, Veterinary Surgeon, Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Haryana, addressed the gathering on scientific livestock management practices. He explained the selection of suitable breeds, improved feeding strategies, and the importance of balanced nutrition. Special emphasis was placed on the use of mineral mixtures to enhance milk yield, reproductive efficiency and overall milk quality.

Dr. Parshant Singh, Veterinary Surgeon, Department of Animal Husbandry, Government of Haryana, informed the farmers about various state government schemes, loan facilities and subsidies available for the purchase of livestock. He encouraged farmers to avail themselves of these financial assistance programmes to strengthen their dairy enterprises.

The session continued with a lecture by Dr. Bishnu Maya, Senior Scientist, Division of Plant Pathology, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi. She provided detailed guidance on disease management in wheat, including recommended formulations and precise dosage as per scientific advisories. She also emphasised the preparation of vermicompost using dung enriched with Trichoderma for improved soil health and disease suppression. Farmers’ queries were addressed comprehensively during the interactive session.

Further, Dr. Atul Sharma, Block Technology Manager (BTM), Department of Agriculture, Government of Haryana, informed the participants about various agricultural schemes such as natural farming initiatives, “Meri Fasal Mera Byora,” and “Mera Pani Meri Virasat,” along with subsidies and support provided by the state department.

In the concluding session, Mr. Shubham emphasized the importance of using quality seeds to ensure higher productivity and better crop performance under field conditions. The programme concluded with the distribution of vegetable seed kits and mineral mixtures to the participating farmers by the officials.

The event proved to be highly informative and beneficial, fostering awareness among farmers regarding improved agronomic practices, livestock management, plant disease control, and available government support schemes.





