



**Training cum Awareness Programme on PPVFR Act, 2001 on
16th March 2024 at R.S.M. (P.G.) College, Dhampur (Bijnor),
Uttar Pradesh**



A Training cum Awareness Programme on Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001 & Farmers' Fair" was organized on 16th March 2024 by the Department of Agronomy, R.S.M. (P.G.) College, Dhampur (Bijnor), Uttar Pradesh. The event aimed to sensitize farmers, scientists and students about the legal provisions and benefits accorded by the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001 (PPVFR Act, 2001). It commenced with Sarasvati Vandana and a welcome song performed by college students, followed by a welcome address from Professor R.S. Chauhan, the Principal of R.S.M. (P.G.) College, Dhampur.

The chief guest, Padma Shri Bharat Bhushan Tyagi, a Progressive Farmer, emphasized on the necessity for a second green revolution and recognition of farmers as not only food providers but also energy providers. Mr. Shubhas Pandey, President, Dhampur Sugar Mills Ltd,



Dhampur, the program's special guest, shed light on the vital role of farmers in conserving sugarcane land races in the Bijnor region. Dr. S. K. Rajput, Secretary of the Management Committee at R.S.M. (P.G.) College stressed on the importance of preserving traditional varieties within the legal framework provided by the PPVFR Act, 2001.

Sh. U. K. Dubey, Deputy Registrar at PPVFR Authority, provided an insightful introductory address, highlighting various provisions of the PPVFR Act, 2001, and encouraging farmers to register their varieties to avail themselves of the Act's benefits. Expressing concern over the low number of applications from Uttar Pradesh, he urged farmers to submit applications along with seeds of the varieties they conserve or grow.



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made a presentation on the online process of registration of crop varieties through Portal of Application for Registration of Varieties (PARV) on the website of the Authority.

Interactive sessions featured

resource farmers, Shri Sharad Kumar Singh and Smt. Suman Rani, sharing their experiences. Experts addressed queries and concerns raised by farmers, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the Act and its implications.

An additional highlight was release of the book entitled "From Field to Rights" in the event. This significant moment added depth to the event, providing attendees with valuable insights into the journey from agricultural fields to understanding and asserting farmers'



rights. The book "From Field to Rights" will serve as a crucial resource, offering comprehensive information and guidance on navigating the legal landscape surrounding plant varieties and farmers' rights under the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001 (PPVFR Act). The book's release further underscored the commitment of organizers and stakeholders to empower farmers with knowledge and tools to protect their interests effectively.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 250 farmers, students, and scientists, reflecting its success in disseminating knowledge and fostering awareness about the PPVFR Act, 2001. Prof. S. L. Pal, the Convener, delivered a vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all participants, guests, and organizers for their contributions to the event's success. Overall, the workshop and fair served as an empowering platform, equipping farmers with the necessary information to protect plant varieties and assert their rights effectively. Continued efforts in raising awareness and facilitating outreach programs are recommended to further enhance farmers' understanding and participation in safeguarding plant varieties and asserting their rights under the PPVFR Act, 2001.
