

## Technology and Machinery Demonstration Meet cum Farmer's Fair organized at ICAR-IGFRI, Jhansi

ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi, (Uttar Pradesh) organized a one-day Technology and Machinery Demonstration Meet cum Farmer's Fair on 01 March, 2023. Program was inaugurated in the presence of Chairman Dr. A. Chandra (Director, ICAR-IGFRI, Jhansi), Chief Guest Dr. Pulak Mohan Pandey (Director, BIET, Jhansi), Special Guest Dr. A. Arunachalam (Director, ICAR-CAFRI, Jhansi), Dr. Rajiv Kumar Agrawal (PCFC), Dr P.N. Dwivedi (Head, FMPHT Division) and Dr P.K. Pathak (PI, FIM Project). In this event, more than 20 Institutions, agri-startups, private companies, FPOs and line departments erected their stalls and displayed their technologies, services and products. This meet was attended by the more than 300 farmers, students and entrepreneurs. During the inaugural and interaction session, Dr. Pulak Mohan Pandey interacted the farmers and highlighted the importance of scientific technologies and machinery for energy and cost

saving in agricultural operations. Dr. A. Arunachalam advocated the promotion and adoption of improved practices including natural agriculture for sustainable growth of agriculture and livestock. Dr. A. Chandra discussed about improved forage technologies and machineries developed by the institute and suggested to adopt for income enhancement. Dr. Rajiv Kumar Agrawal briefed about the activities and varieties developed by the All India Coordinated Research Project on Forage Crops and Utilization (AICRP FCU). Dr P.K. Pathak explained about the farm machinery and post harvest technologies of the Institute. Dr P.N. Dwivedi interacted with the farmers and discussed about the issues of farm mechanization and animal nutrition. Followed by Inaugural session, the farmers-scientist-entrepreneur interaction cum discussion session was organized where different issues and queries of the stakeholders was dealt by the experts. The program was anchored and managed by Er. Amit Kumar Patil (Scientist).

