

## 'Mera Gaon, Mera Gaurav' Initiated at Bikaner

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ICAR – National Research Centre on Camel, Bikaner launched the programme activities under 'Mera Gaon, Mera Gaurav' in one of the 15 villages selected by the Centre, at village Kalasar, 60 km away from Bikaner city in tehsil Khajuwala.

The Chief Guest Dr Amar Singh Faroda, Former Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi and Former Vice Chancellor, MPUAT, Udaipur urged the farmers to put forth the problems faced by them in agricultural and related activities, so that experts can help them to overcome such difficulties. He later stressed that the farmers now have to look towards agriculture as a business enterprise and learn important techniques and methods by which production for agricultural commodity can be increased.

Dr. P.P. Rohilla, Zonal Project Director, Zonal Project Directorate, Zone-VI, Jodhpur described the programme details of MGMG and lauded the efforts of NRCC in bringing together the experts of all discipline of agriculture to address the issues being faced by arid region farmers.

Experts from four institutes located in Bikaner namely ICAR – NRC on Equine, ICAR - CSWRI ARC, ICAR – CIAH and ICAR- CAZRI RS were also invited to explained various technologies developed by their respective Institutes and interacted with farmers. More than 250 farmers from one village cluster – from Kalasar, Lakhisar, Tehar Jogana, Barju and Motigarh actively interacted with the experts and got technical know-how regarding technologies developed and displayed by ICAR institutes.

NRCC displayed various utility products out of camel leather, skin, bones and also demonstrated the technology of processing of camel milk for preparation of edible products like flavoured milk, kulfi and lassi. The technologies like complete feed blocks and feed pallets were also displayed in the exhibition. In order to create interest of farmers in camel production the competitions for best growing animal in male and female categories, best male stud and best lactating she camel based on milk yield were organised. The farmers having best animals in above categories were suitably awarded.

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