## **Skill Development Training**

A skill development training programme on 'Forage Production and Livestock Management' was organized as part of ICAR-ICARDA project on 16 December, 2016 in the institute to create awareness among the farmers regarding role of green fodder and balanced feeding in livestock production. Farmers were exposed to the animal feed making machine installed in the institute for preparation of homemade balanced feed/mixtures. Simultaneously farmers were also exposed to the integrated farming system, and roof water harvesting for growing round the year forage production with solar operated pressurized irrigation for enhanced livestock production. Lectures were delivered on livestock health and management, fodder conservation, soil health and management, pasture establishment and utilization of forage from the established pastures. In concluding remarks, Dr O.P Yadav, Director advised farmers to establish pastures of dhaman grass on the private and community lands and adapt rotational grazing system for maximum output. He underlined the importance of silvipasture to mitigate the adverse impact of imminent climate change in this fragile ecosystem to the farmers. The programme was coordinated by Dr R N Kumawat and Dr R P Singh. The vote of thanks was given by Dr A K Misra.







