

## Awareness Programme on Farmers' Rights Organized at Bhuj

An Awareness programme on Farmers' Right under Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Right Act (PPV&FRA) was organized at CAZRI's Regional Research Station at Bhuj on December 13, 2013. Over 150 farmers, including 30 women farmers and 15 local line department officers and KVK personnel participated in this programme. The Chief Guest of this event Dr. R. R. Hanchinal, Chairman, PPV&FRA addressed the participants and appreciated multiple role played farmers in cultivating, conserving, developing and selecting varieties. Mr. T. K. Chhanga, Chief, Zila Panchyat, Bhuj chaired this programme called upon the farmers to learn about the positives of this act and utilize it for individual and community benefits. Dr. M. M. Roy, Director, CAZRI talked about the role played by CAZRI in Kachhh region for holistic agricultural development.



Nine resource persons drawn from CAZRI and State departments at Bhuj appraised the farmers about the various aspects of biodiversity and its conservation and community awareness. Dr. R.K. Bhatt, Principal Investigator of project at CAZRI appraised about provisions of the act.

Earlier, Dr. Devi Dayal, Head, RRS-CAZRI, Bhuj welcomed the participants. In the end Mrs Manju, SMS, KVK, CAZRI proposed a vote of thanks.

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