

Scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Reasi, visited Saddal Panjar villages of Udhampur district

A team of Scientists and other staff members of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Reasi visited Saddal Panjar area of district Udhampur to have an on the spot assessment of agriculture and livestock scenario of the area.

It may be recalled that during the devastating floods and landslides in September 2014, the areas suffered a lot as around 40 people had died and more than 121 families lost their houses, livelihoods options and agriculture land in this village. Hon'ble Union Minister in PMO Dr. Jitendra Singh has adopted the village to be developed as ideal village.

Team comprised of one scientist of Animal Sciences and another of Agriculture and Agro-forestry alongwith computer programmer. Team held detailed deliberations with farmers of the area regarding Agriculture and livestock scenario including common problems being faced by the farmers.

Dr. Mandeep Singh Azad, Scientist, Animal Sciences gave awareness cum vocational training to the farmers of the area regarding sheep and goat rearing, poultry rearing, and other ventures they could use as a source of income generation. He also answered lots of queries from the farming communities regarding their livestock problems. An interaction with women farmers was also done and it was enquired about the areas they need to be get trained for developing an entrepreneur like kaladi making, pickel making, mushroom farming .Women farmers were also advised to start Self help groups for income generation. An Animal camp was also conducted in Meer village of Pancheri, where necessary medicines were also distributed.

Mr. Lalit Upadhyay, Scientist Agroforestry detailed farmers about agri-forestry practices and how in the area with dense forest area agriculture can be practiced along with forestry .He also told farmers about the use of medicinal trees in these areas.

Dr. Sanjay Koushal, Scientist Agronomy also had a detailed interactions with farmers and Sarpanchs and Panchs of the area and discussed about the problems in agriculture fields and their solutions. Farmers were advised to use FYM and vermicomposting. Weed management and major disease management in crops were also discussed in detail.

Sarpanches and the farmers were very enthusiastic about the visit of the team and appreciated the information and trainings given by the scientists. They demanded to have a regular interaction and visit of the scientist in their area.

