## ICAR-CSSRI, Karnal organised Kisan Diwas and Viksit Bharat-G RAM G Bill, 2025 Awareness Programme

ICAR–Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal organised Kisan Diwas and Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Bill, 2025 awareness programmes at its Main Campus, Karnal, and KVK, Hardoi-II (Uttar Pradesh) on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2025. Kisan Diwas was celebrated with great enthusiasm to honour the invaluable contribution of farmers to the nation's development and to create awareness about new agricultural initiatives, government policies, and sustainable farming practices.

In this context, the Viksit Bharat–G RAM G Bill, 2025, proposed by the Government of India, was highlighted as a comprehensive statutory reform of MGNREGA, aligning rural employment with the long-term vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. The Bill focuses on strengthening accountability, improving rural infrastructure outcomes, and ensuring income security for rural households.

A major highlight of the programme was a webcast on the Kisan Diwas and Viksit Bharat- G RAM G initiative, during which Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India, addressed the farmers. He explained the objectives of the Bill, emphasizing rural development, strengthening village-level infrastructure, enhancing farmers' income, and promoting self-reliant villages. The Bill was presented as a significant step towards inclusive growth and the empowerment of rural communities.

During the programme, progressive farmers were honoured, and they shared their experiences and success stories with fellow farmers. Dr R. K. Yadav, Director, ICAR-CSSRI, highlighted the importance and need of the Viksit Bharat-G RAM G Bill, 2025, while scientists of ICAR-CSSRI and KVK experts emphasized the significance of Kisan Diwas and acknowledged the dedication and hard work of farmers. Technical deliberations covered modern farming practices, soil health management, crop diversification, and the use of technology in agriculture.

A total of 296 participants, including 191 farmers, state officials, and other stakeholders from villages of Karnal district (Haryana) and Hardoi block (Uttar Pradesh), actively participated in the programme.



