

## Press Release

CII Foundation organized Farmer Outreach Event for effective Crop Residue Management Initiative in Fatehabad District.

Fatehabad, Haryana, India – October 24, 2024: The CII Foundation, in partnership with HDFC Parivartan, today organized a comprehensive Farmer Outreach Event for Crop Residue Management (CRM) initiative in the Fatehabad district. The event, held at Bhundarwas village in Ratia, saw the participation of 180 local farmers and distinguished dignitaries.

The initiative aims to reduce stubble burning in the region by providing 30 in-situ machines to farmers and promoting behavioral change practices within the community. The project covers 30 villages in the Ratia block, impacting 38,320 farm acres and benefiting over 10,121 farmers.

Speaking at the event, **SDM Jagdish Chander** emphasized the government's support for CRM initiatives, highlighting incentives of ₹1000 for both ex-situ and in-situ practices. He urged farmers to support the CII Foundation's efforts to make the region stubble-free.

**AAE Dr. Pawan Jyani** highlighted government schemes related to CRM, supply chain, and subsidies for farmers. He encouraged farmers to adopt and utilize the implements provided by the CII Foundation.

**Block Agriculture Officer Dr. Sandeep Kumar** discussed the CII Foundation's previous projects in Bhuna and its support during the COVID-19 pandemic. He praised the Foundation's commitment to farmer welfare and emphasized the importance of addressing stubble burning in the Ratia block.

**Senior Technician Pankaj Sethi from NRFMTTI Hisar** highlighted the institute's role in training, testing machinery, and offering various programs for farmers. He motivated

farmers to adopt efficient technology and machinery to manage biomass and avoid burning stubble.

The CII Foundation's initiative is a significant step towards addressing the environmental and health concerns associated with stubble burning in Fatehabad district. By providing farmers with the necessary tools and knowledge, the Foundation aims to create a more sustainable and resilient agricultural ecosystem.

The event featured a flag-off ceremony for the in-situ machines and field demonstrations showcasing its functioning, wherein Hon. SDM himself drove the tractor to promote use of in-situ machineries on field.