

Guest Lecture of Innovative Farming by

Mr. Dharambir Kamboj on 30/3/18

A very educational and enlightening Guest lecture was organised by Department of Agriculture on 30th March 2018. The theme of the lecture was Innovative Farming and Mr. Dharambir Kamboj was the presenting delegate. Mr. Dharambir Kamboj, a renowned farmer scientist, a Food processing Machine developer, a women job creator of his village and a very humble and lively person needs little introduction of himself. Mr. Kamboj worked as a rickshaw puller during extremities of his life. In 2004, he got the opportunity to visit Aloe Vera and Amla processing units in Rajasthan, along with a group of farmers, through the Department of Horticulture, Government of Haryana. He got interested in the business. However the exorbitant cost of machinery deterred him. Instead of backing out, he decided to develop his own machine. In April 2006, he developed first prototype of the machine, which was used mainly for extraction of Aloe Vera juice. He further modified the machine and transformed it into a multi-purpose machine for processing several herbs and farm produce directly in the field. The single machine invented by him has mixing, heating, boiling and extraction properties used in various processes involved in making juices, pulp, essential oils, essence etc from edible and non - edible fruits having medicinal properties which is carried by a number of different machines in Various food and Pharma industries. He was felicitated by National Award for his innovation in 2013 by then president of India- Dr. Pranab Mukherjee. He was given Best Farmer Award by Bioved Research Society and Farmer Scientist Award by CITA.

The guest lecture started with a formal and floral welcome of Mr. Kamboj by the Head of Agriculture Department, Dr. Sandeep Menon. About, 350 students of B.Sc. (Hons.) Agriculture- 1st yr and 2nd yr along with 15 faculty members attended the lecture. Mr. Dharambir told the students about his struggle and achievements of life. He guided the students about how his machine was created and how it works in the farm. He told the students to become entrepreneurs for their own farm produce in future and to create jobs for the needy and poor women through their inventions and skill. He guided students to be focused in life to achieve success and to become an agriculturist with morale and not just mugging up their studies. In total, the lecture delivered by him was very informative for the students and help to channel their ways to become a flourishing agriculture scientist or entrepreneur in near future.

