

# Farmers Training Camps

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024

**Venue:** Village Bhagwanpur and Bataur, Panchkula.

Farmers Training Camps were organised by Haryana State Co-operative Development Federation Limited (HARCOFED) at village Bhagwanpur, Barwala, Panchkula on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 and at village Bataur, Panchkula on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2024. Dr. R. S. Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer, Haryana Kisan Kalyan Pradhikaran attended the camps as key note speaker. The District officers of agriculture, KVK & around 50 farmers were present in each event.



The camps were organized with a motive to educate the farmers regarding crop residue management, agriculture diversification, rabi sowing practices and judicious use of pesticides. Dr. Chauhan made farmers aware of the fact that proper management of crop residue can improve soil health, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and provide a renewable energy source. He elaborated that the CRM approach provides numerous other ecological and economic benefits like high yields and reduced use of expensive inputs like fuel, electricity, and synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. During the talk, farmers were also convinced to adopt proper seed treatment, as it is the safe and economic method of disease management.

Dr. Chauhan explained how beneficial crop residue management is for the environment. He also urged the farmers to read or follow pesticide label instructions, using personal protective equipment (PPE) while handling pesticides and to follow recommended safety and application guidelines. He said that excessive and injudicious use of pesticides adversely affects human health and the environment as well. He further said that being humans it is the responsibility of the farmer as well as the officials to take remedial measures for pesticide toxicity, the effects of pesticides on human health and the environment. It is vital not only for identifying exposure situations and knowledge gaps, but also to provide valuable information that can contribute to education and policy changes.

