

### **The visit of Secretary Agriculture, Government of India to CSSRI**

The Secretary Agriculture (Govt.of India), Sh. P.K.Basu, IAS visited CSSRI, Karnal on 13.08.2010. He was accompanied by Dr. Gurbachan Singh, Agriculture Commissioner, Govt. of India and Sh. Mukesh Khullar, Joint Secretary. Dr. S.K.Gupta, Director, CSSRI and all Heads of Divisions welcomed the visitors. They visited the multi-enterprise model, developed by CSSRI for small and marginal farmers with several components such as horticultural trees on the dikes of fish pond, vegetables, poultry and duckry, bee-keeping, dairy animals, floriculture, fodder and grain crops. They suggested that as this model helps in generating Rs. 300-500/- net daily income for the farmer family such model should be demonstrated on selected farmers' fields. Dr. S.K. Gupta, Dr. J.C. Dagar, Dr. S.K. Kamra, Dr. H.S. Jat, Dr. R.K. Gautam, Dr. Ranbir Singh and Dr. Khajanchi Lal explained various experiments conducted by them. CSSRI has developed several varieties of rice, wheat and mustard, they were shown the facilities of evaluation of rice varieties in this season. They also appreciated the work being carried out on rain water recharge particularly on farmers' fields. They were also briefed about the technologies developed by the Institute in reclamation of alkali soil, subsurface drainage and bio-drainage. They were also shown the herbal garden developed in the institute and the experiments on conservation agriculture in which 25-30 per cent water could be saved. They took keen interest on CISSA-CSSRI collaborated project on futuristic approach for increasing productivity of different agricultural systems, diversified cropping system (maize-wheat) for conservation of resources particularly water and increasing organic matter of the soil. Finally, the team of CISSA made a presentation followed by fruitful discussion on the strategies to be developed for increasing production and conserving the resources. The secretary appreciated the attempts the scientists of CSSRI are making in this direction.



Glimpses of the visit of Sh. P.K. Basu, IAS, Secretary Agriculture to CSSRI, Karnal