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### Awareness Programme on Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers Right Act Organized at CAZRI Regional Station, Bhuj

Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) organized awareness programme on 'Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers Right (PPV&FRA)' at Regional Research Station, Bhuj on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

Dr. B.S. Patel, Vice-Chancellor, KSKV Kachchh University, Bhuj chaired this programme. He explained importance of PPV&FRA in registering useful varieties from Kachchh region.

Sh. T. Chhanga, Chief, Zila Panchayat, Bhuj as the Chief Guest appreciated multiple role of farmers in cultivating, conserving and developing varieties.

Sh. B.H. Thakcer, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Bhuj as the guest of honour discussed about various programmes of the forest department in which farmers may get funds for agricultural purposes.

Dr. Devi Dayal, Head, RRS-CAZRI, Bhuj explained the concept of protection of plant varieties and farmers right act and highlighted about the CAZRI's involvement and commitment in the proper implementation of this act in the region, research projects executions in this aspect and future perspective.

Five resource persons from state departments, NGO and University at Bhuj appraised farmers about various aspects of biodiversity and its conservation.

In the beginning, Sh. Sanjay Kumar, SMS, KVK, CAZRI, Bhuj welcomed the gathering comprising over 90 farmers, 65 female farmers, 30 students and 15 local line department officers. He also proposed vote of thanks.

