

## Principle Secretary (Agriculture) Visits SDAU

Sh. Sanjay Prasad (IAS), Principle Secretary (Agriculture), visited SDAU on 17 September, 2016 to attend the meeting of the Board of Management of SDAU. After meeting, he took presentation of the ongoing activities of SDAU presented by Dr Suresh Acharya, Director of Research. The presentation was also attended by the other members of the Board of Management. In the meeting the representatives of the Young Group of SDAU entailing 86 young scientists presented their multi-disciplinary activities. The group is exploring 47 new low cost but otherwise very versatile and sustainability enhancing projects that really matter to the region and farmers. Some of these ventures like seed pallets to increase the favourable environment around the seed for good germination and establishment, production of bullock based energy, decomposable pots made of organic matter to ensure better establishment and check pollution, RTS drinks, enrichments of vermi-compost and FYM, etc are sure to ensure sustainability of environment, natural resource base and above all on the economic and livelihood sustainability of the farmer. The Principle Secretary (Agriculture) took keen interest in their endeavors and advised the young scientists to work hard for solving the farmers' problems afflicting agriculture. The Principle Secretary (Agriculture) along with Mr Dave, Joint Secretary (Agriculture), Dr B R Shah, Director (Agriculture) and Dr R A Sherashiya, Director (Horticulture) were conducted to different research projects by none other than Hon Vice Chancellor, Prof (Dr) Ashok A Patel, where he interacted with the scientists working in IFS, agro-forestry and conservation of native breed of cattle Kankrej. He particularly extolled the ongoing research activities of IFS, native breeds, medicinal plants, different modules of agro-forestry and assured all out help of the government for research and development in agriculture and allied fields. He also desired that given the significance of these models for small farmers, they need to be scaled up at farmers' fields.



