

Ex-trainee Sammelan cum farmers-scientist interaction held

1st July, 2017, Sunder Nagar

One day ex-trainee Sammelan cum farmer scientist interaction was held at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mandi at Sunder Nagar, Himachal Pradesh on 1st July, 2017. Dr. A. K. Singh, Deputy Director General (Extension), ICAR graced the occasion as chief guest. While interacting with the ex-trainees and entrepreneurs, Dr. A.K. Singh emphasized upon the need for adoption of latest technologies for enhancing the farm income. He appreciated the efforts being made by KVK for upscaling the latest technologies especially protected cultivation, fruit fly management using Palam trap, value addition and diversification through off-season & exotic vegetables for the welfare of farming community in the district. He also desired to showcase the latest technologies by developing technological models in the KVK for further experiential learning.



In another Farmers-scientists interaction programme held at KVK, Bajora, Dr Singh appreciated the efforts of KVK in the transfer of different technologies especially of vegetables and fruit crops and linking women SHGs & NGOs for producing and marketing of value added nutritionally rich products for higher income. He also visited the demonstration units like dairy unit, high density plantation of apple, polyhouse, crop cafeteria and seed production unit of KVK. He visited exhibition stall displayed by KVK and women entrepreneurs at KVK premises showing different technologies and the products prepared by women SHGs/NGOs.

Dr. A.K. Singh also monitored the outreach programmes of KVKs especially protected cultivation and off-season vegetable cultivation and interacted with the farmers. He also interacted with the shepherds near *Marhi* who apprised the DDG regarding various problems faced in sheep/goat rearing. DDG also visited the Regional Station of IARI, Katrain on 3rd July, 2017 and interacted with the scientists.



Earlier, Dr. Rajbir Singh, Director ICAR-ATARI, Zone I, Ludhiana highlighted the various activities being undertaken by the KVKs and desired the need to use ICT tools for faster dissemination of technologies especially in the tough geographical terrains where reaching all the stakeholders is not feasible. He also desired that KVK should document the innovative practices of the farmers and prepare small clipping of such practices for larger dissemination to the fellow farmers.

Dr. Pankaj Sood, PC, KVK, Sunder Nagar and Dr. K. C. Sharma, PC, KVK, Bajora presented formal vote of thanks.

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