

Training Programme on “Proper Handling of Mini Soil Testing Machine” during 19-20 May, 2017 inaugurated for KVKs of Rajasthan and Gujarat

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A two days collaborative training programme on “Proper Handling of Mini Soil Testing Machine” has been inaugurated at ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Jodhpur (Rajasthan).

Dr. M. S. Meena, Principal Scientist (Agril. Extn.) welcomed the participants.

Dr S. K. Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur in his introductory remarks emphasised the challenges in agriculture particularly the soil health status in present scenario of Indian agriculture and KVKs have a major role to play in overcoming the challenges in an evolutionary approach. He urged that to ensure food security by 2050 for 1.66 billion estimated population with limited land sustainable soil health is having paramount importance. He opined that indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers will have impact on soil health, human health and ecology. He appealed to Scientists of KVKs to make farmers aware about soil test based recommended use of fertilizers and issue of Soil Health Cards to farmers. Based on soil test the cropping pattern should be decided so that farmers can have more profit, he opined. He stressed the importance of soil test in the present mission of Hon’ble Prime Minister of India for Doubling Farmers Income by 2022. He expressed that proper procedure should be followed for taking soil samples and same should be taught to farmers while collecting soil samples. He opined that soil testing should be a prerequisite before implementation of FLDs, OFTs, etc.

The Service Engineers from M/s. Nagarjuna Agrochemicals Pvt. Ltd. demonstrated the proper handling of Mini Soil Testing Machine manufactured in collaboration with ICAR-IISS, Bhopal to the Nodal Officers of KVKs of Rajasthan. A total of 42 Nodal Officers from KVKs of Rajasthan took part in the training programme. On 20th May, 2017 the Nodal Officers from 30 KVKs of Gujarat will take part in the said training programme.



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