

ICAR Secretary reviewed the functioning of Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Odisha

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Shri Chhabilendra Roul, Additional Secy. (DARE) & Secy. (ICAR) reviewed the activities of 33 Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Odisha. In a special meeting convened at OUAT, Bhubaneswar Dr Anupam Mishra, Director, ATARI, Zone- VII highlighted the salient achievements and future thrust of KVKs in the state especially to strengthen KVKs as a knowledge hub at the district level. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Surendranath Pasupalak, Vice- Chancellor, OUAT appreciated the support of ICAR in strengthening the KVKs and pointed out the key activities in technology assessment through KVKs. Sri Roul in his final remark underlined the distinguished pattern of NARES operating in the country. He said the KVKs have to work in multi disciplinary approach in close collaboration with the line departments so as to achieve the desired growth rate as well as doubling the farmers' income. He suggested harmonising the efforts of ICAR, SAU with that of line departments and focusing on activities to facilitate market linkage.

The programme was attended by Sh. Hariballav Mishra, Director Agriculture and Food Production, Odisha, Director, PME, Comptroller, OUAT, all the KVK Heads of Odisha and the senior officials of the state government.



A group meeting was also organised on the occasion under the chairmanship of Sri Rangalal Jamunda, Chairman, State Food Commission, Odisha and Former Secretary, DAC, Ministry of Agriculture, GoI to develop a roadmap for nutritional security in the tribal areas of the state. Sri Jamunda suggested the Krishi Vigyan Kendras of the state more specially those in malnutrition prone areas to be proactive and take special activities in a strategic way to address the issues. Dr. Anupam Mishra, Director, ATARI, Zone - VII clarified the importance of strategising activities based on the existing cropping system, nutrition availability, requirement & gap along with developing separate strategy for different malnutrition groups. Prof. Surendranath Pasupalak, Vice-Chancellor, OUAT advised the KVKs to make a detail appraisal at the grass root before preparing a plan with appropriate scientific approach.