Zonal Level Review of Farmer First Project at ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur

Zonal level review of seven Farmer FIRST Projects being implemented by the ICAR Institutes of Uttar Pradesh was done at ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur from 18-19 January, 2019. The PIs and Co-PIs from ICAR-IIFSR, Meerut; ICAR-CICR, Meerut; ICAR-CISH, Lucknow; ICAR-IIVR, Varanasi; ICAR-IGFRI, Jhansi; ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur and ICAR-IVRI, Bareilly attended this review workshop and presented the progress of their project for the year 2018-19 and the Action Plan for year 2019-20. Sh. Seth Pal Singh and Sh. Chandra Shekhar Singh progressive farmers of Uttar Pradesh and members of Zonal Project Management Committee (ZPMC) attended this meeting and gave valuable suggestions.

In the inaugural function Dr. Sushil Soloman, VC, CSAUA&T, Kanpur emphasized for development and dissemination of farmer – centric and farmer - led innovations. He also emphasized for strengthening the forward and backward linkages keeping farmers in between. He also opined that this project shall evolve the workable and replicable model for development of small holder farmers of the state. Dr. Soloman expressed that Farmers FIRST projects being implemented in Uttar Pradesh shall integrated the innovations, institutions and resources poor farmers of the states.

Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur Dr. Atar Singh introduced the participant about the major thrust of Farmers FIRST and expectation of ICAR for implementation and knowledge gathering in correct prospective. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. S. K. Dubey, Member Secretary, ZPMC.