A two-days Training on Production Technology of Rabi Oilseeds (7-8\textsuperscript{th} December, 2017) for Nodal Officers of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi under National Mission on Oilseed and Oil palm (NMOOP) has been inaugurated at ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Jodhpur (Rajasthan) today.

Dr S. K. Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur in his inaugural address briefed about the status of oilseed production and productivity in the country. He mentioned that, there are nine major oilseed crops grown in India and total share of major oilseed crops is 88% including soybean 39%, groundnut 25%, and rapeseed & mustard 24%. He emphasized upon maximisation of production and productivity of oilseed crops in per unit area, per unit time and per unit inputs under prevailing farming situation. He also urged for gap analysis for maximisation of critical inputs and critical practices under CFLDs on oilseed crops. He pointed out about uploading of direct benefit transfer related information under CFLDs, on farm testing and trainings by each KVK.

Dr. M. S. Meena, Principal Investigator of the NMOOP, ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur presented the methodology and approaches of impact assessment by implementing KVKs so that the recommendations to research, policy makers and development departments could be considered for future implementations. He emphasised to measure the extension gap, technology gap and technology index for enhancing the income of farmers.

Dr Arun Kumar, Senior Scientist, ICAR-DRMR, Bharatpur presented technologies for increasing the production of Mustard.
Nodal officers of 29 KVKs from Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi have been invited to participate in this training programme. Experts from ICAR institutes and SAUs will deliver interactive lectures on improved technologies and production practices in oilseeds crops.

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