

Action Plan meeting of Cluster FLDs on Pulses and Oilseeds organized

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ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana organized an Action Plan meeting of CFLD Pulses and Oilseeds Project for the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) at Ludhiana. Dr. V.P. Chahal, ADG (Extension) and National Coordinator of CFLD Pulses and Oilseeds Projects was the Chief Guest of the programme.

Dr. Rajbir Singh formally welcomed all the participants and appreciated KVKs for successfully conducting the demonstrations under the projects. He urged KVKs to multiply seeds of new varieties at their farms and use that seed for conducting demonstrations. He talked about conducting demonstrations in areas where there is scope for technology dissemination.

Dr. V.P. Chahal clarified the concept of “Cluster Frontline Demonstrations “to the participants and urged KVKs to follow the concept in letter and spirit. He guided participant about the priorities of the government at national level and expectation from the KVKs at the grass-root level. Dr. Chahal also sensitized participants about the importance of seed exchange among the farmers for sustainable pulses production. He informed that KVKs can use withdrawal strategy by developing sustainable mechanism of pulses and oilseeds at cluster level. At last, he appreciated KVKs of Punjab for their untiring efforts for the benefit of farmers.

Dr. D.S. Bhati, ADE, PAU, Ludhiana assured KVKs regarding availability of seeds for laying demonstrations. He urged KVKs to conduct FLDs in areas of specific need and to document success stories at the end. He also asked KVKs to perform soil testing before laying the FLDs and to study the effect of growing pulse on soil health.

Scientists from KVKs presented the achievements of 2017-18 under the CFLD Pulses and Oilseeds projects and action plan for the year 2018-19. Presentations were followed by detailed discussion and critical review of the technologies demonstrated, varieties used, funds utilized etc. Around 50 participants including Programme Coordinators and Scientists of KVK and Scientists from ATARI, Ludhiana participated in the meeting.

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