

Inauguration Ceremony of 28th Annual Zonal Workshop of KVKs of Uttar Pradesh

On 15th June 2021, the 28th Annual Zonal Workshop of Zone-III Krishi Vigyan Kendras was inaugurated online. Scientists from 88 Krishi Vigyan Kendras of all state agricultural universities, ICAR institutions, NGOs, and educational institutions of Uttar Pradesh participated in the inauguration function of workshop.

The Chief guest in the workshop, Dr. A.K. Singh, Deputy Director General (Agriculture Extension), ICAR New Delhi released the publications of ICAR-ATARI Kanpur. He greeted all the Hon'ble Vice Chancellors present in the workshop. He said that the 7th Pay Commission is being given to the scientists and efforts are being made to give the benefits to all KVK scientists. Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Uttar Pradesh always remain at the forefront of seed production in the country. Seed production and plant material production are very important for Krishi Vigyan Kendras besides the Integrated Farming System (IFS System), he further added. State governments are also cooperating in projects like NICRA, Nutrigarden etc. ARYA Project is proving very meaningful and successful to attract rural youth to agriculture. He also emphasized that Anganwadi workers may be trained as master trainers. Under FPOs, specialized FPO for honey production. etc. may be developed. Out of the 20 New KVKs that were to be opened, 19 have already opened, the remaining one will also open soon.

Guest of Honor Dr. Bijendra Singh, Vice Chancellor, Acharya Narendra Dev University of Agriculture and Technology, Ayodhya thanked the Director ATARI for providing the budget on time and for smooth running of the work even during the Covid period. He said that tractors and vehicles have become very old in many KVKs, there is a need for new vehicles and tractors.

Guest of Honor Dr. D.R. Singh, Vice Chancellor, Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture & Technology, Kanpur informed that Krishi Vigyan Kendra Dilip Nagar, Kanpur Dehat is working for promoting biofortified species in Anuppur village of Kanpur Dehat which is nutritionally vulnerable district. The income of many farmers has doubled in 2019 itself, whose success stories are being compiled. Women empowerment work is also being done by training rural women through women scientists of KVK.

Guest of Honor Dr. R.K. Mittal Vice Chancellor, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture & Technology, Meerut said that agriculture should be made 'Business Oriented' by promoting it as a business. Better marketing is needed to increase the income of the farmers. Work is being done in this direction to attract rural youth to agriculture so that they can get better employment by staying in the village.

Guest of Honor Dr. U.S. Gautam, Vice Chancellor, Banda University of Agriculture & Technology, Banda said that despite the lack of water in Bundelkhand region, Krishi Vigyan Kendras are doing very well since last few years. Krishi Vigyan Kendras are leading especially in seed production and plant material production. A publication 'Mati Ke Karmayogi' is also being published compiling the success story of the farmers, which has received a lot of appreciation at the national level.

Director, ICAR-ATARI Kanpur, Dr. Atar Singh welcomed and greeted all the chief guests, special guests and honorable guests present in the function. Dr. Singh presented the performances of Krishi Vigyan Kendras for the last 6 months. He also gave a brief introduction of the various projects of the state and central government running through KVKs and presented their progress.

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