

## Orientation training to KVKs on Agro-met Advisory Services to farmers

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Orientation training for KVK scientists on preparation and dissemination of agromet advisory services to farmers was held during 1-2 August 2018 at ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad. This training was imparted to 24 nodal officers of District Agromet Units (DAMUs) to be established at KVKs as part of IMD-ICAR collaboration for implementation of Gramin Krishi Mausam Sewa (GKMS).

Dr Y.G. Prasad, Director, ATARI emphasized the role of agromet advisory services in minimizing the adverse impact of monsoon aberrations, extreme weather events due to increasing climate variability. Participants were provided orientation on preparation of agromet advisory bulletins using observations, weather forecast, crop stage and crop growth conditions. Existing dissemination of agromet bulletins and outreach was discussed. Hands-on experience training was imparted on accessing block level weather observations, weather forecast, selection of crops and preparation of block level advisories and their dissemination using the web portal to farmers.



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