

## **Orientation training on Model organic farming by KVKs**

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A one-day orientation training programme was organized by ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad on 21<sup>st</sup> August for the nodal officers of 45 KVKs implementing cluster demonstrations on model organic farming under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) during 2019-20.

Dr.Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad outlined that the aim of the training is to bring about awareness on the guidelines of PKVY and Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) for India. Nodal officers were urged to focus on selection of suitable villages in a cluster mode, selection of participating local group of farmers with abiding interest in on-farm production of inputs and selection of amenable crops suitable for organic production.

Shri. P.Venugopala Reddy, Chairman, Ekalavya foundation and designated Regional Councils under PGS-India in Telangana while addressing the participants stressed on the need to include the traditional knowledge of farmers while developing organic farming models through cluster approach. Practical training on registration of local groups for certification under PGS-India was demonstrated by the staff of the Regional Council.



Dr.G.V.Ramanjaneyulu, Executive Director, Centre for Sustainable Agriculture (CSA) and Regional Council of PGS-India from Telangana complimented the KVKs for the initiative on organic farming and elaborated on the need to choose production protocols to suit the existing agro-ecological situation and resource base of the area by adding science based expertise to traditional knowledge systems of farmers. Special emphasis was laid on certification procedures and tapping of market potential for organic produce.

The training was attended by 45 Heads & Subject Matter Specialists of KVKs in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and coordinated by Dr. A.Bhaskaran and Dr. J.V.Prasad, Principal Scientists, ICAR-ATARI.

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