

## Short term training course to DAMU staff of Zone 10- ATARI, Hyderabad

14-19, October, 2019

A short term training course of 6 day duration was jointly organized by IMD and ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad during 14-19, October at ATARI, Hyderabad. The objective of the training was to impart knowledge and skills to 45 newly recruited Subject Matter Specialists (Agrometeorology) and Agromet Observers of the 24 District Agromet Units (DAMUs) established across Andhra Pradesh (9), Telangana (4), Tamil Nadu (10) and Puducherry (1).

Resource persons from IMD (Delhi &Hyderabad), ICAR-CRIDA, PJTSAU, ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad and TNAU, Coimbatore gave lectures on various aspects related to interpretation of weather forecasts issued time to time by IMD, contingency crop planning, generation of agromet advisories based on crop phenology and methods of dissemination of the advisories to reach beneficiaries at block level. The trainees were given hands on training on handling and maintenance of meteorological equipment, recording of data, generation and uploading of agromet advisories on Agrome-DSS portal.

The trainees were suggested to raise major crops on a small area in the KVK instructional farm to understand the production and protection aspects as influenced by weather, to gain knowledge on the agro-ecological situation of the district, to have an insight into the long term weather situation of the district and to work in close convergence with state department of agriculture so that pertinent, timely and precise advisories are issued to the farmers in their jurisdiction both in agriculture and allied sectors.

Dr. Y.G.Prasad, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Dr. G.Ravindra Chary, Director, ICAR-CRIDA, Dr. Y.K.Reddy, Head, Meteorological center, Dr. P.Vijaya Kumar, PC, AICRIPAM, CRIDA, Hyderabad, Dr.S.D.Attri, Scientist F, Dr. Lata Vishnoi, Scientist, IMD, New Delhi, Dr. D.Raji Reddy, Director of extension, Dr. G.Srinivas, Dr. Balaji Naik, Dr. Indudhar Reddy, Scientists, ACRC, PJTSAU, Hyderabad, Dr. G.A.Deebhakaran, Assistant Professor, TNAU , Coimbatore participated in the training course as resource persons and gave their input to the trainees. Dr. J.V.Prasad, Principal Scientist and nodal officer of DAMU in ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad co-ordinated the training programme.



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