

Brainstorming Session on Technological Innovations and Strategies for Farmers' Prosperity in Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh at New Delhi

Inauguration of two days Brainstorming Session on Technological Innovations and Strategies for Farmers' Prosperity in Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh jointly organized by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi and ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh was held at NASC Complex, New Delhi on 26-27 August 2019.

Chief Guest Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj inaugurated the programme. While addressing the audience, Shri Tomar stated that each and every farmer of India should adopt new technology and should maintain good rapport with the agricultural and KVK scientists to be a progressive farmer. Further, he highlighted the views of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, whose centre of focus for development are villages, underprivileged people and farmers and all his programmes aims at doubling the farmers income by 2022. Further, he said that agriculture sector have a wider scope and is important, as it brings stability in Indian economy. For the development of agriculture sector, use of scientific technology is essential and for which ICAR can play a vital role. He said that the process of deliberation and thinking started from Rajasthan should be continued for each state without any formalities. Focusing on the farmers, Shri Tomar said that, the information obtained from this two-day session should be used in the future agricultural works.

Dr. V.P. Chahal, Assistant Director General (Agricultural Extension) stated that views and ideas given by Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare will help as a guidance in development of agriculture. He also showed his gratitude towards all the farmers for their presence and assured everyone that, this type of workshop with the participation of farmers will also continue in future.

In this programme, a total of 460 participants including awarded, innovative and progressive farmers, Farmers Producer Organizations, Farmer representatives, agricultural scientists and Directors of research institutes participated. The programme was coordinated by Division of Agricultural Extension and Dr. Anupam Mishra, Director, ATARI, Jabalpur and conducted by Dr. Randhir Singh, ADG (Agri. Extension), ICAR.

