

## 27<sup>th</sup> Zonal Review Workshop (online) of KVKs of ICAR-ATARI Jabalpur organized

The ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh organized the “27<sup>th</sup> Zonal Review Workshop (Online) of KVKs of Zone - IX” from July 29-31, 2020. The programme was inaugurated on July 29, 2020 by Shri Kamal Patel Ji, Hon’ble Minister of Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development Department, Madhya Pradesh in presence of Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR), Dr A. K. Singh DDG (AE), ICAR and Shri Abhay Mahajan, Organizing Secretary DRI, Chitrakoot and Dr. Anupam Mishra, Director, ATARI, Jabalpur. Dr. S.R.K. Singh, Principal Scientist proposed vote of thanks. Workshop had 10 technical sessions comprising of Farm Innovations, Migrant Workers: engagement & livelihood, Drought proofing, Climate resilient technologies, Nutritional Security through Nutri-SMART Village, FPO, Tribal focused activities, Technologies identified for DFI, Strategy for economic development in Bundelkhand, ITK in Agriculture and Lockdown activities included presentations of 81 KVKs in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh state.

During the valedictory session on July 31, 2020, Chief Guest, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar Ji, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, GOI, New Delhi applauded the Krishi Vigyan Kendras' role in realizing the target of doubling the farmers' income by 2022. The Minister also urged for developing the Integrated Farming System (IFS) models and creating the Farmers' Producers' Organizations (FPOs) by roping small and marginal farmers to harvest more benefits. He emphasized that KVKs have to promote cluster farming using the potential of the region and capacity of the farmers to improve agriculture scenario in country. Villages and farmers are two main pillars to make *Aatmanirbhar Bharat*. He suggested that tribal areas where inorganic fertilizer was not used from longtime should be declared as organic land. Organic farming and natural farming should be promoted to increase resource efficiency and also increase income by getting higher price in domestic and international market. He suggested for strengthening the KVKs to enhance the importance and visibility and attract more youth towards the agriculture. Soil health testing to be done on regular basis and its application by majority of farmers has to be planned and implemented. Better use of animals in suitable farming conditions would further add the income of the farmers and can solve the problem of stray cattle.

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR) complimented the ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur and KVKs for initiatives in Nutrition Sensitive Agriculture, ITK and traditional varieties registration under PPV&FRA. The Director General applauded the Convergence Model in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh State agriculture and other development departments.

Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, DDG (Agril. Extn.), ICAR emphasized on the blending of the indigenous technologies with the modern technology in farming to enrich the natural resources and reduce the cost and identified new ITKs is to be validated and documented. He also emphasized on the initiatives on Nutrition garden models, kadaknath and tribal area development models in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

Dr. Anupam Mishra, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur outlined the initiatives and progress of work done by KVKs in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Dr. V. P. Chahal, ADG (Ag. Extn.), ICAR proposed vote of thanks.

A total of 221 participants workshop included, Vice Chancellors of SAUs, NGO Chairman, Assistant Director General (AE), Directors of ICAR Institutes, Awarded farmers, Farm Innovators, Agripreneurs, KVK Heads and SMS from 81 KVKs of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. The programme was coordinated by Dr. S.R.K. Singh and Dr A. A. Raut from ATARI with support of DES JNKVV scientists.

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