

## **ICAR-ATARI , Jabalpur** **Training cum workshop of Agricultural Engineering experts of KVKs**

Training cum workshop of Agricultural Engineering experts of KVKs has been organized by ICAR-ATARI , Jabalpur at CIAE, Bhopal during June 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Dr. C.R.Mehta, Director, ICAR-CIAE, was the chief guest of the programme. Dr. R. Selvarajan, Director, NRC, Banana, Tiruchirapalli was the guest of honour of this programme. The inaugural session of the programme is started with welcome address by Dr. Shalini Chakraborty, Principal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur. Dr. S.R.K. Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur has given brief overview about the objective of organizing the workshop and emphasized for the processing activities of all crops at KVK level by Agricultural Engineers. Dr. R. Selvarajan expressed that KVK is main linkage to take technologies to farmers. He has also told that secondary agriculture is not possible without agricultural engineers. Government of India is also encouraging the mechanization of agriculture. He has also emphasized for the use of technologies in the cultivation of Banana like automation, drip irrigation and sensor based technologies for precise use of resources Dr. C.R.Mehta, Director, CIAE, Bhopal has told that as manpower is reducing in agriculture importance of mechanization is increasing. At present mechanization is there in cereal crops like paddy, wheat etc. but it needs to be increased in case of cash crops and horticultural crops. He has emphasized that every KVK should have at least one Agricultural Engineer to increase the adoptability of farm mechanization among farmers. There is lot of opportunity for Agricultural Engineers to increase the productivity and reduce cost of cultivation by agriculture mechanization at ground level. A total of 30 agricultural engineering experts from KVKs across Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh have participated in the workshop and presented salient achievements of 2023-24 and road map of action plan 2024-25 of KVKs in the agricultural engineering discipline. Dr. Uday Badegaonkar reviewed the work done presented by the agriculture engineering experts and given very useful suggestions. A formal vote of thank was given by Dr. M.P.Singh, ICAR-CIAE, KVK, Bhopal.

