

Zonal Workshop of KVKs under Zone IX organized at Jabalpur

25th Zonal Workshop of KVKs of Zone IX comprising of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh was organized at Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh on September 5, 2018. Chief Guest of the programme Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste, Hon'ble Member of Parliament and Former Minister of State, Health and Family Welfare, Government of India inaugurated the workshop of KVKs. He appreciated the works done by KVKs for speedy progress of agriculture in the state along with tribal region too. He emphasised that farmers income could be doubled by proper production plan coupled with marketing strategy also there is need to reduce the cost of cultivation, so that farmers income could be enhanced. There is need to make farmers more aware and knowledgeable on the newly developed technology along with proper skill for its better application.

On this occasion Shri Susheel Kumar Tiwari, MLA, Panagar Constituency, addressed the participants and pointed out that there is need to improve the resource use efficiency particularly water, so that farmers can protect their crops during the drought period and take the crop successfully during succeeding season. Marketing and weather information should be timely supplied to the farmers for realizing proper price of the produce. Dr. D. K. Marothia, Member of Planning Commission, Chhattisgarh also emphasised that farmers should be trained to adopt the technology suitable for farms according to their resource base, so that they can get sufficient income. Dr. V. P. Chahal, ADG, ICAR- New Delhi, admired the kind of works and performance being showed by the KVKs under ATARI Jabalpur. He further informed about the new initiatives of ICAR in the form of NARI, VATICA, KSHAMTA etc. for empowerment of women and tribal farmers. Dr. S. K. Patil, VC, IGKV, Raipur has urged the farmers to practice integrated farming and inter-cropping with proper technological blending, so that risk could be minimized and income could be ensured. Dr. P. D. Juyal, VC, NDVSU, Jabalpur point out that animal component is the integral part of profitable agriculture. Shri Abhay Mahajan, Organizing Secretary, DRI, New Delhi addressed the delegates.

Dr. Anupam Mishra, Director ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur addressed to the participants and enumerated significant achievement of the Zone IX, KVKs on the basis of which KVKs

received best national KVK award from ICAR and other agencies. He further informed that KVKs are focussing mainly on doubling farm income, nutrition sensitive agriculture through nutri-SMART villages, climate resilient technologies, marketing through SHGs and FPOs.

During validictory session Chief Guest Dr. A.K. Singh, DDG, ICAR- New Delhi in his addressed appreciated the kind of preparedness and showcasing of KVKs in technical session and exhibition shows high level of commitment. He further admired the kind of innovation presented by farm innovators is unparallel. He further pointed out that Zone IX taking lots of initiatives for improving the agriculture condition even in rainfed areas.

Professor P.K. Bisen, VC, JNKVV, Jabalpur during his address pointed out that KVK is an unique arrangement of ICAR at district level and is the important vehicle for speedy growth of agriculture in the region by providing proper technological support to the farmers.

On the occasion 6 mobile Apps – by KVK Gariyaband, Dindori, Damoh, Ujjain, Jabalpur, ATARI were launched and publication Farm Innovators by ATARI Jabalpur and Dairy Development by NDVSU Jabalpur was released.

Exhibition was also laid out by KVKs during three days workshop.

