

28th Virtual Zonal Review Workshop of KVKs of ICAR ATARI Jabalpur organized from 26 to 28 July, 2021.

The Zonal Workshop was inaugurated by N S Tomar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers welfare. Hon'ble minister appreciated KVKs work in technology dissemination during difficult times of corona. Various intervention in ATARI Jabalpur like Kadaknath poultry rearing, ARYA, CFLD Pulses and oilseeds were appreciated by Hon'ble minister. He asked KVKs to focus on micro irrigation, increasing knowledge of farmers for doubling the income, collaboration with state departments for increased outreach, employment generating activities, soil health through regular soil testing, traditional farming, etc. He asked KVKs to focus more on small and marginal farmers and organise them through FPOs for better access to inputs and markets.

Dr. A K Singh, DDG (Agril Extn), ICAR, New Delhi highlighted various works like raised bed cultivation of soybean, Kadaknath poultry rearing, nutrition garden, nutrition mapping of the district, bio fortified crops cultivation, demonstration of technologies and seed production of pulses, etc. Work on nutrition of ATARI Jabalpur has been replicated at national level.

Sh. Anil Agarwal, Vice Org. Secretary, BSBSLN, Bankhedi, Shri Abhay Mahajan, Organizing Secretary, DRI, Chitrakoot, Dr S K Patil-, VC, IGKV Raipur, Prof P. K. Bisen, VC, JNKVV, Jabalpur, Prof S K Rao, VC, RVSKVV, Gwalior shared their thoughts.

Hon'ble Smt Archana Chitnis ji, former Minister of Women and Child Development, Madhya Pradesh chaired a session on the topic of current importance Nutritional security through Nutri-SMART village. She emphasised the importance of atmanirbharta for nutrition by growing vegetables, fruits at nutri-garden.

In his welcome address, Dr. S. R. K. Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh presented work done by KVKs in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

The zonal workshop included sessions on functioning of KVKs, Farmers experiences on Doubling Income, promoting resilience in rainfed agriculture for risk minimisation, nutritional security through Nutri-SMART village, Farmer Producer Organisations, Tribal focussed activities, ICAR Technologies on doubling farmers' income, ITK in agriculture and review of KVK performances.

Dr. S. K. Chaudhary, DDG, NRM and Dr. A K Singh, DDG (Agril Extn), ICAR, New Delhi chaired the session on ICAR Technologies on doubling farmers' income. Dr. S. K. Chaudhary, DDG, NRM highlighted the importance of allied sectors like horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries, etc. for increasing farmers' income. Dr. A. K. Singh, DDG (Agril Extn) emphasized collaboration of ATARIs with ICAR institutes and asked KVKs to focus on secondary agriculture. Agripreneurs should be encouraged to focus on building processing units.

Dr. V. P. Chahal, ADG (Agril Extn), chair of plenary session, asked Director of Extension Services to focus on building extension models and regular capacity building of newly recruited scientist and Head of KVKs.

More than 300 participants from KVKs, ICAR Institutes, SAUs, farmers attended the workshop. Dr. A. A. Raut, scientist, ATARI, Jabalpur proposed vote of thanks.

