

Training-cum-Workshop for Extension Experts
on
Methodological Initiatives for Accelerating Technology Application by KVK

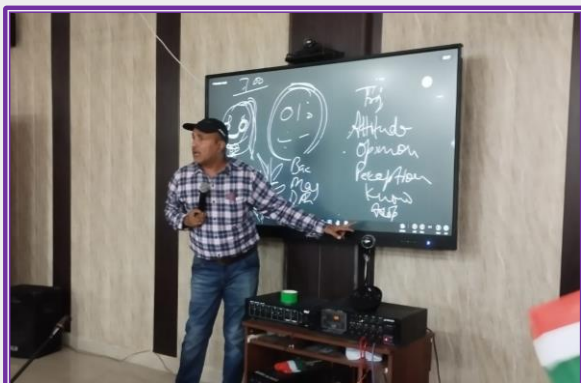
Training-cum-Workshop for Extension Experts on Methodological Initiatives for Accelerating Technology Application by KVK was organized during June 19-21, 2024 at KVK Bilaspur, IGKV. The training-cum-workshop had participation of extension experts from KVKs in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. Dr. Arun Tripathi, Head of KVK Bilaspur welcomed the participants in the workshop. Dr. S.R.K. Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur briefed about the agenda setting a positive tone for the workshop focusing on methodological initiatives for enhancing technology application by KVKs and need for training in emerging priority areas in extension. Following this, Dr. M. A. Khan, Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Extension, IGKV Raipur, shared his remarks, emphasizing the significance of methodological advancements in agricultural extension.

Dr. M. L. Sharma, Head, Dept. of Agricultural Extension, IGKV Raipur, also provided his insights during this session. Dr. N. K. Chaure, Professor and I/C Dean, BTC College of Agriculture, Bilaspur stated the important role of extension scientists between research institutions and the famers. Dr. T.D. Pandey, Professor, BTC College of Agriculture & Research Station, Bilaspur discussed about effective technology flow among farmers. Dr. Ajay Kumar Verma, Director of Extension, IGKV Raipur in his remarks highlighted the role of extension scientist at KVKs in technology dissemination and emphasized need for innovative approaches to accelerate technology application in agriculture.



Dr. S.R.K. Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur addressing the participants

The expert lecture on “Designing of On-farm Trials and extension research at KVKs” by Dr. M. A. Khan, Professor, Dept. of Agril. Extension, IGKV Raipur highlighted the importance of planning OFTs on innovations consistent with farmer’s circumstances, compatible with the actual farming system and corresponding to farmer’s goals and preferences. He emphasized on stakeholder analysis and suitability analysis for technology applications need to be conducted prior to planning OFT.

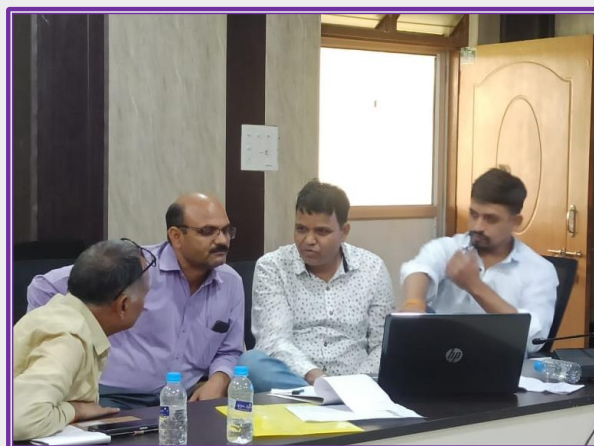
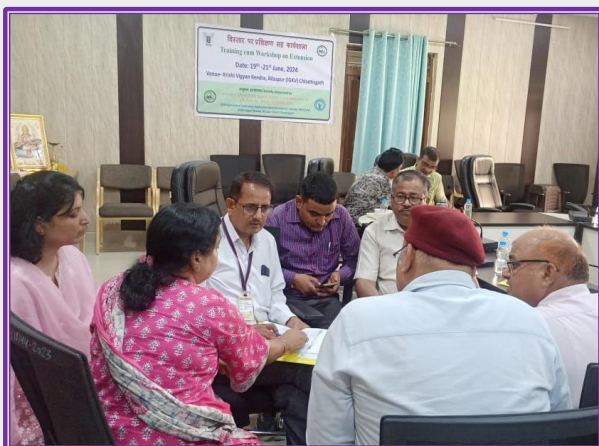


Dr. M. A. Khan during interactive session on Designing OFT



Dr. M. L. Sharma delivering lecture on Dimensions of Extension Research

Dr. M. L. Sharma, Head, Dept. of Agril. Extension, IGKV Raipur in his lecture on Dimensions of Extension Research emphasized on technological advancements in agriculture, socio-economic factors focusing on understanding the needs and behaviors of farmers, impact of agricultural practices on rural communities. He also stated that effective communication and extension strategies are essential dimensions as well, ensuring that research findings reach farmers and stakeholders in an accessible and actionable manner. Together, these dimensions work synergistically to enhance agricultural systems, support farmer livelihoods and promote sustainable development.



Participants discussing during group activity

During the technical session KVKs scientists presented the brief progress on initiatives and action plan for the forthcoming year. The suggestion for further improving the activities and methodological aspects in the extension research in the action plan were given by the experts. Brainstorming session on focus area by KVKs and researchable issues in Agricultural Extension was conducted to identify prominent areas in extension research. Group task for discussion on assigned theme wise areas among the participants was conducted followed by Synthesis Session for Narrowing down the options. Groups presented their presentation on assigned themes and received feedback from experts.



Distribution of certificates to participants

The workshop concluded with the valedictory session. Dr. A. A. Raut, Scientist ATARI Jabalpur, briefed about the presentation of KVKs, followed by remarks from Dr. M. A. Khan and Dr. M. L. Sharma. Dr. Ajay Kumar Verma provided insights on need to document the impact of the activities and programmes implemented by KVKs and its role in changing the farming practices, technology adoption and changes in livelihood among farmers. Dr. Arun Tripathi offered the vote of thanks, for active participation by the participants, guidance provided by chief guest and experts and cooperation and support from KVK staff and college. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. A. A. Raut, Scientist, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur and Dr. Arun Tripathi, Head KVK Bilaspur in collaboration with the scientists and staff from KVK Bilaspur ensuring a well-organized and impactful event.