



## 29<sup>th</sup> Zonal Workshop of KVKs under ICAR ATARI Jabalpur organized at KVK Morena, Madhya Pradesh

### Krishi Vigyan Kendras are playing important role in the agricultural development of the country- Shri Tomar

The 29<sup>th</sup> Zonal Workshop of Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, **Shri Narendra Singh Tomarji** on November 11, 2022. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Tomar said that the field of agriculture is vast and challenging. Activities in agriculture are never ending and it will continue to work from generation to generation. The KVKs and agricultural scientists have played key role in the development of agriculture in the country. Chief guest, Union Minister Shri Tomar further said that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi wants people to be attracted towards agriculture, for this, scientists and farmers along with all others have been encouraged. The state of our agricultural landscape in the world is good. India is an agricultural country and we have an important position from food productivity point of view. While discussing in the interest of the farmers, he said that today the farmers of the village are fully aware and educated. Referring to the schemes being run by the Central Government for the farmers, he said that the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is no less than a boon for the farmers, every farmer should take advantage of it. In the last six years, a compensation of Rs 1.24 lakh crore has been given to the farmers under this scheme.





Shri Tomar said that it is the responsibility of our agricultural scientists to find solutions to various issues in the field of agriculture. India is gaining a good reputation on the political scene of the world, more than half of the countries of the world are looking towards India. Our strategy should be such that we meet their expectations, this journey is on and it will not stop. There comes a time in the journey when it reaches the peak, India too has to achieve this position. If our self-confidence is strong, then we will achieve success. India is developing in all the fields of work. Due to the progress being made under the leadership of Prime Minister, today many countries of the world are discussing with India on things related to agri-food. Our country has been a leader in agricultural production, milk production, food processing in the world and is progressing continuously.



**Shri Kailash Choudharyji**, Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India addressed the participants and visited exhibition stalls on November 12, 2022. He emphasized on creating awareness about natural farming and urged KVK scientists to work towards promotion of natural farming. During valedictory session on November 13, 2022.

**Dr. V. P. Chahal**, Deputy Director General (AE), ICAR-New Delhi in his address briefed about the new initiatives of KVK for technology application for empowerment of women and tribal farmers and ICT initiatives for linking KVKs and ATMA. KVK-ATMA Convergence model of ATARI, Jabalpur needs to be replicated in other states also.

**Shri Abhay Mahajanji**, DRI, Chitrakoot stated the need of further strengthening the KVKs and SAUs. Dr S. K Rao advocated large scale promotion of Integrated farming system for efficient resource utilization and sustainable development.

**Dr A. K. Singh**, VC, RLCAU, Jhansi appreciated the works done by KVKs for speedy progress of agriculture in the MP and Chhattisgarh. He emphasized developing production plan with focus on reducing cost of cultivation coupled with marketing strategy so that farmers income could be enhanced. Start-up in agriculture needs to be promoted among rural youth and KVK should make effort to establish 20-25 start-up in the district.

**Dr. S.R.K. Singh**, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur in his welcome address highlighted the significant achievement of the Zone IX, KVKs on the basis of which KVKs received best national KVK awards from ICAR and recognition at national level.

On this occasion, **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar ji** also inaugurated the **Seed Hub on Pulses** at **KVK Morena**, Seed Hub Oilseeds at ZARS Morena and exhibition of KVKs depicting the technological modules, value added products developed by KVKs and progressive farmers.



**Dr. V.P. Chahal**, DDG (AE) in his concluding address appreciated the kind of preparedness and showcasing of KVKs in technical session and exhibition shows high level of commitment. In this workshop, more than 150 experts participated and interacted in presence of Dr. Y.P. Singh, Dr. D.P. Sharma, Dr. Ajay Verma, Dr. S.S. Tomar and senior scientists and other officers from KVKs of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh were present during the.