

## **Virtual Annual Zonal Review Workshop of ICAR-ATARI, Patna Organized 20-21 July, 2020, Patna**

The ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Patna organised two days “Virtual Annual Zonal Workshop for 68 KVKs of ICAR-ATARI, Patna comprising Bihar and Jharkhand” from 20-21 July, 2020.



In his inaugural address, the chief guest, Sh. Kailash Chaudhary, Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare applauded the Krishi Vigyan Kendras role in doubling farmers income by 2022 and showed his confidence on KVKs. He also urged for development of Integrated Farming System (IFS) models and creation of Farmers Producers Organizations (FPOs). He suggested to strengthen the KVKs so that the importance and visibility should be increased and more number of farmers attracted towards KVKs.

In the presidential address by Dr. Prem Kumar, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries, Govt. of Bihar suggested to implement the IFS models at farmer’s field, make aware the farmers about Pardhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojna (PMKSY) and fertilizer application by farmers on the basis of Soil Health Card.

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR) complemented the ICAR-ATARI, Patna and KVKs in the Zone for achieving more than target even after limited resource and manpower. The Director General stressed on achieving the target of doubling the farmers income, scale up the IFS models among small and marginal farmers promotion of goat, pig and fish farming in Jharkhand and issues related to migrant labourers.

Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR emphasized on the blending of indigenous technologies with the modern technology to

enrich the natural resources and reduce the cost of cultivation. He appreciated the implementation of IFS models and formation of FPOs by KVKs in this Zone.

Dr. Ajoy Kumar Singh, Vice Chancellor, Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, stressed on strengthening the KVKs. He urged the KVKs to focus on involving more young farmers and entrepreneurship development.

Dr. R.C. Shrivastav, Vice Chancellor, DRPCAUI, Pusa highlighted the issues of migrant labourers and emphasized to skill them and linked with Govt. schemes to stop migration.

Dr. Rameshwar Singh, Vice Chancellor, Bihar Animal Science University, Patna emphasized on strengthening the animal husbandry component in KVKs which will be helpful in doubling the farmers income.

Dr. Anjani Kumar, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Patna briefed about the achievements of the Zone-IV for the Year 2019-20.

Dr. Randhir Singh, ADG (Agricultural Extension) ICAR presented the formal vote of thanks. A total of 68 KVKs of Bihar & Jharkhand presented their activities taken up during 2019-20 and action plan for the year 2020-21 on this occasion.

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