

6th Annual Zonal Workshop of Krishi Vigyan Kendra successfully organised by ICAR-ATARI Zone-IV

A three days Annual Zonal Workshop of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) under Zone-IV was organized by ICAR-ATARI, Patna at Ram Krishan Mission Ashram, Ranchi, Jharkhand during 08.07.2023 to 10.07.2023. At the outset, Dr. Anjani Kumar, Director, ICAR-ATARI welcomed the Chief-Guest, Hon'ble Dr. U.S. Gautam, Deputy Director General (AE), ICAR, dignitaries and the participants of the programme.

Dr. Anjani Kumar, highlighted the overall achievements of the KVKs during the previous year and given an introductory remark about the mandate of the workshop.



While addressing the inaugural session, Dr. Gautam, appreciated the KVKs for their contribution towards development of the agriculture and allied sectors in this region through the transfer of latest technologies at the farmer's field. He further stressed for quantifying the technology gap by the KVK along with meeting the target of zero hunger in their operational areas. He assured that ICAR will extend its full support to the host institutions as well as to the state agriculture departments for collaborative programmes and activities in the identified thrust areas of agriculture for the welfare of the farming community.

On the occasion, Guest of Honour, Dr. R.K. Singh, Assistant Director General (AE), ICAR emphasized the KVK system to strengthen their publications by proper research design and data management. Quantification of impact of various interventions at farmer's fields along with measuring the impact of capacity building programmes should also be taken care by the KVK and the ATARI system.

Dr. Anup Das, Director, ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna suggested that success story of different projects should be highlighted by the KVKs along with more emphasis on substantial livelihood-based interventions. He suggested that region-specific Integrated Farming System models should also be promoted by the KVKs in collaboration with the ICAR Research Institutes.

Dr. Bikas Das, Director, ICAR-National Research Centre on Litchi, Muzaffarpur suggested the KVKs for exploring various agri-entrepreneurial opportunities for farmers in secondary agriculture to prevent migration. Moreover, he has suggested to go for commodity-based intervention for creation of employment opportunities for local people. For that KVK should give due weightage to horticulture related interventions.

Earlier, the workshop was begun with the lighting of inaugural lamp by the Chief Guest and other dignitaries followed by release of publications and felicitation of awardee progressive farmers. The event was attended by more than 200 participants including Directors of Extension Education of Universities, Associate Director Extension of Universities, Scientists of ATARI and Senior Scientist & heads of KVKs of Bihar and Jharkhand.

Dr. Amrendra Kumar, Principal Scientist ICAR –ATARI Patna Zone-IV proposed the vote of thanks to dignitaries and participants at the end of session.

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