

5th Annual Zonal Workshop of KVKs of Bihar and Jharkhand

ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Patna organized “5th Annual Zonal Workshop of KVKs of Zone-IV” from 6-8th August, 2022 at Rajgir International Convention Centre. Dr. A.K. Singh, Deputy Director General (AE), ICAR inaugurated the workshop with lighting of lamp. Dr. Anjani Kumar, Director ICAR-ATARI welcomed the Chief-Guest, Guest of Honour and dignitaries. He presented the overall achievements of ATARI, Zone-IV.

Dr. A.K. Singh, DDG (AE), ICAR stated that ICAR successfully documented DFI case of 75000 farmers whose incomes double during the period of 2016-17 to 2021-22. On analysis of DFI success stories it was found that in maximum cases those farmers income doubled who adopted new technologies and diversified their components. He stressed that KVK should organized their training programme by considering one district one product so that, KVK is like one stop shop. He urged the KVKs for focusing on increasing the production and productivity of pulses and oilseeds by narrowing the yield gaps through adoption of new varieties. He stressed that now we need to moves towards agriculture with little use of chemicals in form of fertilizer and pesticides. So, KVKs should train farmers for organic and natural farming. He said only environmentally sustainable, culturally adoptable and commercially viable technology should be advocated at all forum.



Dr. Randhir Singh, ADG (Extension), ICAR, New Delhi, congratulate all the KVKs to successfully achieved target of DFI success stories cases. He said that adoption of new technology is only the way to revolutionize the agriculture and ultimately increase the income of farmers. Now many young and educated person adopting mechanized farming and establishing entrepreneurial unit related to agriculture not only for livelihood but also for income generation in revolutionary manner. He said that FLD result should be demonstrated to line department and development agencies officials for its popularization and acceptability in the region.

Dr. R.K. Malik, Country Coordinator, CIMMYT emphasized on the need of Integrated Farming System for enhancing the income of smallholders, value-addition, women empowerment and following the cluster-based approach by the KVKs. He advocated for popularization of bio-fortified variety through OFT and FLD.

Dr. Rameshwar Singh, VC, BASU said integration of animal husbandry along with cropping is very helpful for increasing the farmers income. He also said that KVKs are like bridging the gap between farmer and research institutes.

Dr. Krishna Kumar, VC, RPCAU urged for making the agriculture as Business Oriented. He stressed on the need of better marketing for enhancing the farmers' income.

On valedictory session Sri. Shrawan Kumar Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development of Bihar as Chief guest addressed the participants and pointed out that agriculture is backbone of state economic. He also appreciated the education provided by universities and work done by Scientist of KVKs for farmers at ground level. He stressed the need of contingency crop planning in the changing climatic resilient agriculture and making agriculture profitable. He also pointed out that only agriculture can provide employment to large section of youths.

The Annual Zonal Workshop attended by of ICAR Institute NRC Litchi, MGFRI and Director of Extension Education of Universities, Associate Director Extension of Universities, Scientist of ICAR institute and Heads of 68 KVKs.

Dr. Amrendra Kumar, Pri. Sci. ICAR-ATARI Patna proposed the vote of thanks to dignitaries and participants at the end of session.

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