

Rabi Kisan Mela and Ex-Trainees Sammelan organized at KVK, Ahmednagar-I on 6 December, 2019

Rabi Kisan Mela and Ex-Trainees Sammelan was organized by KVK, Ahmednagar-I on 6th December, 2019. In total 350 farm entrepreneurs and ex-trainees were participated in the program. Agriculture exhibition was also put up and displayed different successful cases and products developed by the entrepreneurs. Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, Pune inaugurated the Kisan Mela and Agriculture Exhibition. In his address, he gave more focus on doubling farmers' income by adopting latest farm technologies, water harvesting measures, using sensor based technologies, bio-fertilizers, diversifying agriculture, upscaling well tested integrated farming system models, etc. Poultry farming, bee keeping, goat rearing, dairy, floriculture, creating change agents in the villages shall be supportive in obtaining regular income by the farmers. Sericulture, hydroponics, bamboo cultivation and medicinal and aromatic plants will again help the farmers for livelihood security. Many graduate rural youths have come back to farming and started their agri-business. It was possible by organizing agri-business and agri-clinic courses at the KVK. He interacted with the Farmers, Farmers Producer Companies, SHG members and Agripreneurs while visiting the Agri Exhibition.

Dr. Shivkumar Patil, GM, NDDDB, Rahuri Station declared that a Semen Centre will be started at the KVK campus for availability of high quality semen for the dairy farmers. He also stated that if farmers are ready to provide semen services, they will be given license as well as training. They will be given containers on subsidy basis. Dr. Dattatraya Vane has guided the farmers on intercropping and management practices of rabi chickpea as well as on sugarcane.

Mr. Ganesh Antre, Dairy Entrepreneur shared his experiences about dairy farming, loose farming system and fodder management through preparation of silage and hydroponic techniques. Shri Uttamrao Gadekar, a farmer spoke on roof water harvesting and protected cultivation. Ten progressive farmers were awarded for their innovative farming.

At this occasion, Dr. M.B. Khetmalas, Director (Agriculture Education), Pravara Rural Education Society, Ahmednagar; Shri Bapusaheb Shinde, Taluka Agriculture Officer, Rahata; Sh Babasaheb Mhaske, Dy. President, Panchayat Samiti, Rahata; Dr. S.D. Nalkar, Head, KVK, Ahmednagar along with other experts were present.



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