

Innovative Farmers Meet Organized by ICAR-ATARI, Pune on 24th February, 2018

ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Pune organized one day **Innovative Farmers Meet** at KVK, Narayangaon, Pune on 24th February, 2018. In this event, >60 innovative farmers participated and shared their innovative ideas and innovations. In opening remarks, Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Pune highlighted the importance of documenting farm innovations and un-noticed innovative ideas used by the farmers in crop husbandry and other allied components of livelihood options. He said that such documented innovations may be helpful to other farmers and entrepreneurs. Dr. Singh advocated different informal methodological ways of identifying and observing the innovative practices followed by the farmers in farming, livestock rearing, etc. Krishi Ratna Shri Anil Meher, Chairman, KVK, Narayangaon Pune stated that a collaborative initiative is needed to get patented such farm innovations.

Several farm innovations developed by the farmers were presented like mini 4 wheel drive tractor, eco-pest trap, hydraulic silage pressure, fertilizer slurry applicator, groundnut pod separator machine, BBF with spraying machine, use of drumstick leaves for *paratha* preparation, roti maker, spacing management in fruit crops, etc.

At this occasion, Shri Prakash Pate, President and Shri Ravindra Pargaonkar, Secretary, Gramonnati Mandal; Dr. SV Sonune, Dr. LR Tambde, Dr. D.V. Kolekar and other heads of KVKs attended the program. Certificates were given to all the innovative farmers.

Earlier, Shri Prashant Shete, Head, KVK, Narayangaon, Pune welcomed the participants and coordinated the program.



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