

A two days Workshop-cum-Training programme on Pulses Production Technology under NSFM inaugurate on 30th October, 2017 (ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur)

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A two days workshop-cum-training programme on Pulses Production Technology for Nodal Officers of KVKs of Rajasthan and Haryana states under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) has been inaugurated on 30th October 2017 at ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur.

Dr. S. K. Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur in his inaugural address briefly mentioned about the status of pulses production of the country in which there are 6 major states including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Odisha contributing to 80% of total production of pulses in India. Pulses production of country is ranging from 16-22 million tonnes during last five years. India imports 3-4 million tonnes of pulses every year to meet the demand of pulses. Total pulses production is 22.9 million tonnes during 2016-17 and it is highest in the history. The variation of production in pulses is due to improper weather conditions prevailing in the country. In view of the Doubling Farmers Income by 2022 pulses production technology has a key role to play, he opined. Dr. Singh emphasized on proper application of the critical inputs and critical practices for higher productivity. The farmers will be treated as partner under the cluster front line demonstration under National Food Security Mission.



Dr. O. P. Yadav, Director, ICAR-CAZRI, Jodhpur and the Chief Guest of the occasion emphasized that the technologies under different agro-climatic conditions are to be implemented by the KVKs so that the micro farming situation/technological option/assessment of gap to maximize production can be done properly and the role of KVK will be the technology provider in partnership mode. KVKs being the prime ambassador at grass root level can boost research in integrated manner. The year 2016 being the International Year of Pulses many policies have been formulated throughout the world to boost the pulses production and till now there is no breakthrough in pulses research except introduction of new plant type of green gram suitable for mechanical harvesting and development of short duration of green gram which can be harvested in 57 days. These technologies should be upscaled in cluster mode in which KVKs have a major role to play for strengthening of forward and backward linkages.



During this workshop, Dr.S.J. Singh, Director, RARI, Durgapura; Dr.D. Kumar, Ex. PC Arid Legumes and Dr.S.K. Chaturvedi, PS, IIPR, Kanpur also acted as resource person for updating different technology options to the nodal officers.

A total of 49 KVKs from Rajasthan and Haryana participated in the event and the workshop will be continued to 31st October 2017 with presentation progress of KVKs and future strategies to be followed for implementation of NFSM project.

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