

## Workshop for KVKs inaugurated at Sardar Krushinagar Dantiwada Agriculture University, Dantiwada, Gujarat.

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Two days' State Level Mid Review and Planning Workshop for Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of Gujarat is inaugurated at Sardar Krushinagar Dantiwada Agriculture University (SDAU), Dantiwada, Gujarat. The workshop is being organised by ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Jodhpur to review the progress made by KVKs during 2016-17 and to plan for the year 2017-18. In the event, 30 KVKs and 4 Directors of Extension Education (DEEs) from State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) actively participated and presented the progress of KVKs under their jurisdiction. At the outset, Dr. K. A. Thakkar, DEE, SDAU, Dantiwada welcomed all the participants on the occasion.

In the inaugural session, Chief Guest & Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of SDAU, Dantiwada, Prof. A. A. Patel appreciated the function of KVKs as efficient & frontier technology transfer system and acting as mini agricultural University at District level. He stressed that KVKs should work on technology assessment in more scientific manner to showcase the innovative technologies for profitable agriculture at farmers' fields. Developing the model farmers as success cases for wide horizontal spread of technologies, the need to be emphasized by KVK scientists. Efforts towards innovative output and increasing efficacy of the KVKs certainly there is need to increase market and face value of KVKs in the farming community. He also briefed about the significant achievements in the different areas such as Integrated Farming system (IFS), Agro-forestry, Indigenous breed improvement of Kankrej cattle and Mehsana buffalo, development of hybrids of cotton and castor and its improved cultivation practices. He emphasised that KVK work is a religious work and there is no time frame to work with farming community. There is also need to focus on application of ICTs for the betterment of farming community.



Workshop inaugurated by Hon'ble VC, SDAU, Dantiwad, Gujarat

Dr. S. K. Singh, Director, ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Jodhpur briefed about evolution of KVKs as vocational training centre to Knowledge Resource Centre at district level. He appealed to KVKs for exploring the possibilities of increasing productivity at farmers' field by assessing agro-ecological conditions and technological options available for different target groups and applicable to the local situations. KVKs must focus on technology backstopping by developing backward and forward linkage, he noted. He briefed about the various schemes being implemented through KVKs such as ARYA, NFSM, NMOOP, Climate Resilient Integrated Farming System, Agricultural Skill Development programme, Pulses Seed Hub for betterment of farming community. He also appealed to KVK scientists to work with mission mode and in team spirit for holistic development of farming community.



Dr S. K. Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI Jodhpur addressing during workshop

'Mobile Phone based Voice Message Service' a collaborative initiative of SDAU, Dantiwada and Reliance foundation was inaugurated during the function by the dignitaries. Five publications of the KVKs were also released during the inaugural session. Directors of Extension Education of SAUs of Rajasthan presented the progress of KVKs under their jurisdiction. During workshop, presentation on the progress made by KVKs and Annual Action Plan for 2017-18 will be discussed. Scientific, technical, and administrative staff from ICAR-ATARI and SDAU Dantiwada also participated in the workshop.



'Mobile Phone based Voice Message Service' inaugurated by dignitaries