

## **Zonal Review-cum-Action Plan workshop of NICRA project organized at ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana**

ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana organized the Zonal Review-cum-Action Plan workshop of Technology Demonstration Component of National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) project on August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Dr. A. K. Mehta, Former ADG (Extension), ICAR, New Delhi was the Chief Guest of the programme. Dr. Rajbir Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana; Dr. Ashok Kumar, Director Extension Education, PAU, Ludhiana; Dr. R. K. Arora, Associate Director Extension, SKUAST, Jammu and Dr. J.V.N.S. Prasad, Co-PI NICRA, ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad were the other dignitaries present for the workshop. Nearly 50 participants including Programme Coordinators and Nodal Scientist from NICRA KVKs, Scientists from organizing institute and few farmers from NICRA villages have also participated.

Dr. Ashok Kumar shared facts about changing climate and its impact of contemporary Indian agriculture. He highlighted the role KVKs can play in spreading awareness among farmers with respect to climate resilient agricultural technologies for sustainable agriculture.



Dr. R. K. Arora, in his remarks, stressed on the need of publishing salient achievements of first phase of NICRA (2011-2017) and urged need of common workshop for experimental learning.

Dr. J.V.N.S. Prasad from ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad highlighted the action points that are to be taken care while implementing NICRA in the second phase. He appreciated the efforts of KVKs of Zone-I in transforming villages into Climate Smart villages and emphasized on spreading the accepted technologies in nearby villages with similar conditions.

Dr. Rajbir Singh mentioned about the findings and predictions of the report of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture with respect to the impact of climate change on agriculture in north India. He briefly talked about the achievements of KVKs Zone-I under NICRA project and guided KVKs about the future strategy. He specifically urged the KVKs to showcase their efforts and achievements to the line departments and rope them in to obtain effective convergence.



Dr. A. K. Mehta, the Chief Guest of the workshop, shared his experiences in implementing NICRA at the national level and urged KVKs to work in tandem with all the stakeholders for better implementation of the project. He termed participatory approach as the key to success and asked the KVKs for all out efforts for involving farmers groups at grass root level.

Programme Coordinators and Nodal Scientists from KVKs presented their consolidated achievements since the inception of the project as well as the action plan for current year. Detailed discussions were held among the participant and the action plans for all the KVKs were chalked out.