

Chief Minister Madhya Pradesh applauded *Nutri SMART village* initiative of ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur

Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Hon'ble Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated two day Orientation workshop of field Level Officers/ Workers on Nutrition Smart Village concept on 22 August 2017 at Bhopal in presence Smt Archana Chitnis, Hon'ble Minister of Women and Child Development, Principal Secretary Women and Child Development Shri J.N Kansotia, Principal Secretary Agriculture Dr. Rajesh Rajoura, Commissioner Women Empowerment Smt. Pushpalata Singh, Dr Anupam Mishra, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur, Director Agriculture and other officials.

Hon'ble CM said that Children are the future of the state and the country and needs to be given proper nutrition. He asked field officials to work towards eradicating malnutrition from Madhya Pradesh. Smt Archana Chitnis informed that one village each from all the 313 blocks in the state will be made Nutrition Smart Village in the next one year by working in convergence with agriculture and allied departments in convergence mode.

Dr Anupam Mishra gave information about the concept of Nutrition Smart Village. The nutri-smart village is a scientific approach to provide nutrition using existing resources of farmers, farm labourers and other people living in the village through demonstration, training, awareness and input support. The focus is on food requirement, availability, accessibility and absorption by the body. All departments with lead role of KVK are working out nutrition requirements of the selected villages and crop plan to meet nutritional requirements are being prepared to supplement the nutritional needs locally. He informed the house that for the nutri smart village KVKs, Women and Child Development Department and Agriculture and allied departments in the district will work in convergence mode for eradicating malnutrition in the state. Few KVKs from Madhya Pradesh presented the plan and progress of work in Nutri SMART villages of Madhya Pradesh. Field staffs of various departments including Women and Child Development, Agriculture, Horticulture and Animal Husbandry were present during the occasion.

