

**Re-orientation programme for Subject Matter Specialists (Agril. Extn.) of KVKs of Rajasthan and Haryana organised at ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur on 21.09.2017.**

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One day Re-orientation Programme for Subject Matter Specialists (Agril. Extn.) of KVKs of Rajasthan and Haryana has been organised at ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Jodhpur today.

Dr. S. K. Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur in his inaugural address briefed about the roles and responsibility of SMSs (Agril. Extn.) of KVKs in the present scenario of agricultural development in the country. He highlighted the evolution process of KVKs starting from Vocational Training Centre from 1974 to present state. He stressed the importance and involvement of SMS (Agril. Extn.) to provide technological backstopping in their respective districts. Technology generation and transfer has to be performed properly by the Subject Matter Specialists of Agricultural Extension he opined. He stressed that the technological gaps are to be assessed by the SMSs of Agricultural Extension in conductance of On Farm Trials, Front Line Demonstrations, Trainings, Extension Activities, etc.

Directors of Extension Education of SAUs presented briefly about the extension systems prevailing in their respective jurisdictions.

The Chief Guest of the occasion Dr. Prabhu Kumar, Former Director of ICAR-ATARI, Bengalure and Ludhiana shared his vast experience with Subject Matter Specialists of KVKs and guided about the future strategies to be taken up for implementation of mandatory activities of ICAR. He also emphasized on conductance of need based on farm trials for benefit of farming community by Subject Matter Specialists of Agricultural extension. He presented all the aspects to be covered by SMS (AE) of Krishi Vigyan Kendras.



A total of 30 Subject Matter Specialists of Agricultural Extension discipline from Rajasthan and Haryana presented their views and future roadmaps for agricultural developments of their respective districts.

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