This award programme was organized on the eve of ‘Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Antyodaya Krishi Puruskar Samaroh’ jointly organized by ICAR ATARI, Jabalpur and RVSKVV, Gwalior at KVK Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh. The programme was inaugurated by Sh. Shanti Lal Bilwal, Hon’ble MLA, Jhabua under the chairmanship of Prof. A.K.Singh, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, RVSKVV, Gwalior in presence of Dr Anupam Mishra, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur; Dr. S.K.Srivastava, DES, RVSKVV, Gwalior, Smt. Divya Gupta, Spokesperson BJP & I/c Foreign Affairs, Sh. Daulat Bhaosarji, Chairman BJP Jhabua and Sh. Balaram Patidar, Awardee farmers.
Sh. Shantilal Bilwal, chief guest has appealed the farmers to adopt the scientific agriculture technology for their upliftment through harnessing more benefit for their as done by Patidarji in the tribal district like Jhabua.

Prof. A.K.Singh, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, RVSKV, Gwalior, has applauded the great achievements done by Shri Balaram Patidarji by showing profitable farming in difficult situation of Jhabua Hills by application of recommended practices by the KVK scientists and other institutions.

Dr Anupam Mishra, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur has emphasized the significant contribution made by Shri Balaram Patidarji which has set a new milestone in the rainfed agriculture in Madhya Pradesh. He further expressed that if such farming model replicated at larger scale will check the migration of the rural youth from these tribal areas. He appreciated the innovative methods used by Patidarji not only in
productions but also packaging and marketing high value commercial crops like capsicum, tomato, banana, Papaya, strawberry, etc.

Dr. S.K.Srivastava, DES, RVSKVV, Gwalior has admired the integrated farming model implemented by Sh. Patidarji which will helped in sustaining a tribal farming in hilly terrain.

Smt. Divya Gupta, Spokesperson BJP & Incharge Foreign Affairs during her address expressed her happiness by overwhelming participation of farm women in the programme which she claimed the testimony of progressive agriculture in tribal belt like Jhabua which in long term will definitely support socio-economic empowerment of farm women.

Dr. I.S.Tomar, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Jhabua during his welcome address briefed significant achievements of nationally awarded KVK Jhabua which certainly helped in achieving the Four times Krishi Karman award and other laurels to the district agriculture.

Dr S.R.K.Singh, Principal Scientist, ATARI, Jabalpur proposed vote of thanks and coordinated this award programme along with Dr.R.K.Yadav, Scientist, KVK, Jhabua and team of scientist.

In this programme agri-exhibition was organized and visited by more than 1078 participants including 970 farmers and farm women, 67 officials, 22 invited progressive farmers from Malwa region and 19 dignitaries.