

## ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute Zone X, Hyderabad

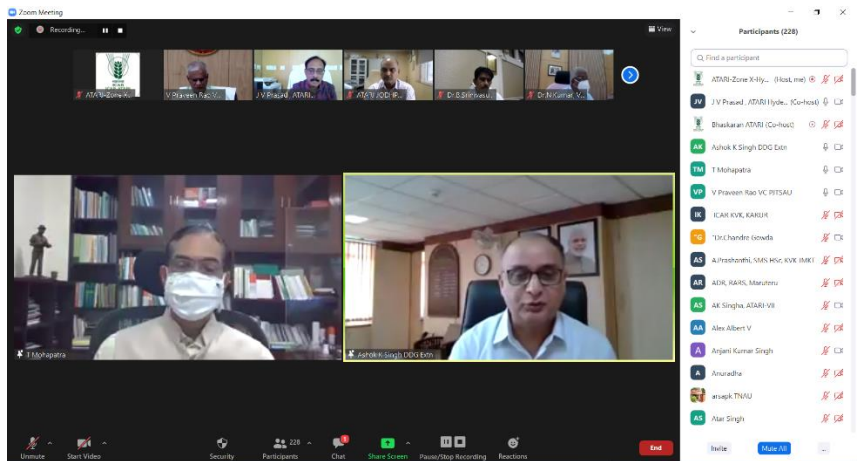
The Annual Zonal workshop of KVKs of Zone X, Hyderabad comprising of the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana , Tamilnadu and Puducherry is being organized virtually by ICAR-ATARI , Hyderabad during 6-8 July 2021 to review the achievements of 71 functioning KVKs of the zone for the year 2020-21.

The inaugural session of the workshop was organized at 9.30 AM on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in which honorable Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra participated as chief guest and addressed the participants. Dr. J.V.Prasad, Director (A) , ATARI, Hyderabad briefed the participants on the achievements of the KVKs of the zone. In his address as chief guest Dr. Mohapatra cautioned the KVKs to follow standard operational procedures (SOPs) to prevent the spread of Covid during the implementation of their activities. He suggested to the KVKs and ATARIs to participate in all the activities planned under *Azadi ki Amrit Mahotsav* and facilitate large scale participation of stake holders too. Dr. Mohapatra emphasized the need to focus on interventions related to gender and nutrition in view of prevalence of wide spread malnutrition in the country. He also reiterated the need to develop KVKs into single stop shops to cater to all the knowledge, information, and resource needs of the farmers in the operational areas.

The inaugural session was also participated by Dr.A.K.Singh, honorable DDG (Agricultural extension), ADGs (Ag.extension), ICAR, 7 honorable vice chancellors and two registrars of state agricultural universities in the zone, all the directors of ATARIs, members of staff of ATARI, Hyderabad, all the directors of extension of SAUs of the zone , heads and scientists of 71 KVKs of the zone. The VCs and registrars of the SAUs gave brief remarks on the achievements of KVKs under their administrative control and also expressed the requirements of the KVKs for better performance. Dr. A.K.Singh, DDG (Agricultural Extension), ICAR in his address to the participants urged the KVKs to collect 110 success stories / KVK on doubling of farmers income by December 2021. He emphasized the need to have demonstration units on ITKs, IFS, soil and water conservation technologies in KVK instructional farm. The inaugural session was concluded with formal vote of thanks by Dr. A.Bhaskaran, Principal Scientist , ATARI, Hyderabad.



Hon. Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, Dr. Trilochana Mohapatra addressing the KVKs



Dr. A.K.Singh, Hon.DDG (Ag.Extension), ICAR addressing the participants