

## Congratulatory Message to KVK Puducherry

On behalf of ICAR- ATARI Zone 10, we would like to congratulate the team of KVK, Puducherry on the eve of its foundation day (21 March). My special appreciation to all the KVK staff working in the Zone.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (Farm Science Centre) in India is a unique system of technology transfer. Started its service on 21st March 1974 at Puducherry, the first KVK in India, grown to 731 KVKs in 2023. As the frontline extension system, KVKs have their footprint in every successful technology developed by institutions and adopted by farmers.

As a bridge between the institutions and farmers, starting from the green revolution era, KVKs played a major role in the progress of India in Her travel from food deficit country to self-sufficient/self-reliant Nation. Be it celebrations or difficult days, natural disasters, pandemic, epidemics etc., KVKs stood with farmers, holding their hands as a friend. Provided solutions to all their problems as ONE STOP SHOP.

As we are entering into the Golden Jubilee Year of KVKs, let us remember all those who initiated and developed the system, scientists, and staff of KVKs who served millions of farmers and farmers who worked as messengers of KVKs.

During India's presidency of G20, let us modernize and evolve the KVK system, as the grassroots technology application institution of global repute.

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