

## Annual Zonal Review Workshop of Zone-X KVKs at Hyderabad

26<sup>th</sup> May, 2019

A three-day Annual Zonal Review Workshop of 71 KVKs in Zone-X (Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu & Puducherry) was organized by ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Hyderabad during 24-26<sup>th</sup> May, 2019 at ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad.

Dr. A.K. Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR inaugurated the workshop on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2019. Addressing the participants, DDG advised the KVKs to work on single window concept to serve as a knowledge and resource center at the district level catering to all the stakeholders. KVKs should focus on entrepreneurship development through establishment of processing and value addition enterprises by producer organizations, integrated farming system models; doubling of farmers income through appropriate location-specific interventions implemented through convergence and partnership with the development departments.

Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ATARI, Hyderabad presented the Annual Progress Report 2018-19 of KVKs in Zone-X and highlighted the achievements on assessment of 714 technologies and bridging of yield gaps in pulses & oilseed crops through cluster frontline demonstrations.



Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM appreciated the contribution of KVKs in developing climate resilient villages under NICRA project. Dr. Randhir Singh, ADG (AE), ICAR highlighted the new initiatives of Agricultural Extension Division of ICAR. On this occasion, the network project on New Extension Methodologies and Approaches (NEMA) involving 11 ATARIs and 6 ICAR Research Institutes was launched by DDG (AE). The report on “Impact of KVKs in India” was presented by IFPRI scientists.

All the KVKs displayed value added products and various exhibits of seed, planting material, organic inputs, low cost micro irrigation systems, mulching materials etc. Posters on significant impactful technologies at the district level were displayed. During the workshop 71 KVKs presented the work done report of 2018-19 which was critically reviewed by the Directors of Extension of nine SAUs in the Zone. A number of publications were released during the workshop.

Dr. V. Praveen Rao, Vice-Chancellor, PJTSAU presented certificates of appreciation to performing KVKs in the valedictory session and advised KVKs to provide their feedback for planning of research programmes. The workshop ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. A. Bhaskaran, Principal Scientist.

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