

## **Short term training course organized for KVK District Agro-met Unit (DAMUs) under ICAR-IMD initiative**

**14-19<sup>th</sup> October, 2019**

A 6-days short term training course was jointly organized by India Meteorological Department (IMD) and ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad during 14-19, October at Hyderabad. The objective of the training was to impart knowledge and skills to 45 newly recruited Subject Matter Specialists (Agrometeorology) and Agromet Observers of the 24 District Agromet Units (DAMUs) established in KVKs across Andhra Pradesh (9), Telangana (4), Tamil Nadu (10) and Puducherry (1).

The capacity building training was to impart the know how and do how of issuing value added agromet advisories to farmers at block level. Various aspects like interpretation of weather forecasts issued by IMD, contingency crop planning, generation of agromet advisories, relating to crop phenology and methods of dissemination of the advisories to reach beneficiaries at block level were covered. Hands on training on handling and maintenance of meteorological equipment, recording of data, generation and uploading of agromet advisories on Agrome-DSS portal were provided to KVK-DAMU staff.



Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Dr. G. Ravindra Chary, Director, ICAR-CRIDA, Dr.S.D.Attri, Scientist F, IMD, Dr. Y.K.Reddy, Head, Meteorological Center, Dr. P.Vijaya Kumar, PC, AICRPAM, Dr. Lata Vishnoi, Scientist, IMD, Dr. D.Raji Reddy, Director of Extension, Dr. G.Srinivas, Dr. Balaji Naik, Dr. Indudhar Reddy, Scientists of PJTSAU, Dr. G.A.Deebhakaran, Assistant Professor, TNAU participated in the training course as resource persons. Dr. J.V.Prasad, Principal Scientist and nodal officer of DAMU in ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad co-ordinated the training programme.

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