

Annual Zonal Review Workshop of Zone-X KVKs at Hyderabad

26th 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 24-26th May, 2019 at ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad.

Dr. A.K. Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR inaugurated the workshop on 24th 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.

(Source: ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Zone-X, Hyderabad)

Orientation training on Model organic farming by KVKs

21st August, 2019

A one-day orientation training programme was organized by ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad on 21st August for the nodal officers of 45 KVKs implementing cluster demonstrations on model organic farming under Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) during 2019-20.

Dr.Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad outlined that the aim of the training is to bring about awareness on the guidelines of PKVY and Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) for India. Nodal officers were urged to focus on selection of suitable villages in a cluster mode, selection of participating local group of farmers with abiding interest in on-farm production of inputs and selection of amenable crops suitable for organic production.

Shri. P.Venugopala Reddy, Chairman, Ekalavya foundation and designated Regional Councils under PGS-India in Telangana while addressing the participants stressed on the need to include the traditional knowledge of farmers while developing organic farming models through cluster approach. Practical training on registration of local groups for certification under PGS-India was demonstrated by the staff of the Regional Council.



Dr.G.V.Ramanjaneyulu, Executive Director, Centre for Sustainable Agriculture (CSA) and Regional Council of PGS-India from Telangana complimented the KVKs for the initiative on organic farming and elaborated on the need to choose production protocols to suit the existing agro-ecological situation and resource base of the area by adding science based expertise to traditional knowledge systems of farmers. Special emphasis was laid on certification procedures and tapping of market potential for organic produce.

The training was attended by 45 Heads & Subject Matter Specialists of KVKs in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry and coordinated by Dr. A.Bhaskaran and Dr. J.V.Prasad, Principal Scientists, ICAR-ATARI.

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Visit of Zonal Monitoring Committee (ZMC) of TDC-NICRA to KVK, Chittoor (RASS), Andhra Pradesh

10th September, 2019

Monitoring visit of ZMC of TDC-NICRA to KVK, Chittoor (RASS) was undertaken during 09-10, September to review the activities of the KVK under NICRA. The KVK has been implementing technology demonstrations under NICRA since 2012 under crop production, NRM and livestock modules besides undertaking institutional interventions viz., Custom Hiring Centre (CHC), seed bank and fodder bank through Village Climate Risk Management Committee (VCRMC). The committee chaired by Dr.N.Sudhakar , Former Director, ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad initially visited the KVK at Karakambadi and reviewed the activities in the instructional farm of the KVK. The Head of the KVK ,Dr.D.Srinivasulu made a presentation on the achievements of the KVK under NICRA since inception. Suggestions were given by the committee on quantifying the impact of NRM interventions, saturating successful interventions in the NICRA villages and upscaling them to the adjoining villages.

The committee visited the two NICRA villages of the KVK (Chittecharla and Deendarlapalli) on the 10th September and reviewed various interventions implemented under NRM, crop production and livestock modules. A meeting was arranged to interact with the VCRMC members who were asked to give their feed back on the benefits accrued through the project and expectations for the future. The committee suggested to implement contingency plans during late onset of the monsoon, facilitate seed production of drought tolerant varieties by farmers of the village, recharge bore wells through convergence and encourage value addition to tomato during periods when prices fall. The other members of the committee are Dr.K.Srinivas , Principal Scientist, ICAR-CRIDA, Dr.K.Ramesh, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIOR and Dr.J.V.Prasad, Principal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad (member secretary). The Head of the KVK, Dr.S.Srinivasulu, Mr.P.S.Sudhakar, SMS (Horticulture), Dr, V.Divya, SMS (Agronomy) and Mr. Anand Raj, SRF also participated in the monitoring visit.



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

14-19, 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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