

ICAR ATARI Pune and MAFSU Nagpur organized One Day HRD Training Cum Workshop on Extension Methodologies in Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Sector on 14 June 2024

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ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Pune and Maharashtra Animal & Fishery Sciences University, Nagpur organized a One Day HRD Training Cum Workshop on Extension Methodologies in Veterinary & Animal Husbandry Sector at ATARI Pune on 14 June 2024.

Dr S. K. Roy, Director of ICAR-ATARI, Pune, warmly welcomed the delegates and heads and SMS of Animal Husbandry of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in Maharashtra in the inaugural programme. Dr Roy highlighted the importance of livestock and allied sector in agriculture especially in enhancing farmers' income. He stressed that this HRD workshop will help KVKs in updating about the latest developments in animal husbandry sector. KVKs will have to work in collaboration with common science centres for addressing farmers' issues.

Dr. K. D. Kokate, Former DDG (Agril Extension), ICAR, New Delhi focused on the need of enhancing capacities of KVK scientists of animal husbandry sector to train farmers and entrepreneurs. Animal component is important in rainfed agriculture and focus should be given on rainfed fodder production. Animal component is vital for marginal and landless farmers.

Dr. Niteen Patil, Hon'ble VC, MAFSU, Nagpur in his presidential address stressed the need for integration of farming with animal component. He asked KVKs to take MAFSU technologies to the farmers through field extension. He emphasized the need to increase animal sector productivity. He highlighted the need to implement Livestock FARMERS FIRST program like the FARMERS FIRST program of ICAR for improving the productivity of livestock sector.

In this workshop six experts delivered the lecture about latest technologies in livestock, poultry, fisheries sector. Dr. A.U. Bhikane, Director of Ext. Education, MAFSU, Nagpur, Dr. N.V. Kurkure, Director of Research, MAFSU, Nagpur, Dr. Hariprasad Aithal, Principal Scientist & Station In-charge, Training & Education Centre, ICAR-IVRI, Pune, Dr. Vidya Nimbalkar, SMS, KVK, Tadsar, Sangli-II and Dr. Prashant Telvekar, Asst. Professor, COFS, Nagpur were the experts.

In this program, 120 participants, including Senior Scientists and Heads, scientists from 50 KVKs of Maharashtra, faculty of Department of Veterinary and Animal Husbandry extension department of MAFSU participated and deliberated.

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