

Annual Zonal Workshop of KVKs of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa Organized by ATARI, Pune on 5 to 7 May 2018.

Annual Zonal Workshop of KVKs was organized by ICAR-ATARI, Pune during 5-7 May, 2018 at MPKV, Rahuri. In this program, 79 KVKs of Maharashtra (47), Gujarat (30) and Goa (2) participated and presented their progress (2017-18) and action plan (2018-19). For technological backstopping, 8 ICAR institutes (NIASM, Baramati; NRCP, Solapur; NRCG, Pune; DFR, Pune; CICR, Nagpur; CCRI, Nagpur; DOGR, Pune and CRIDA, Hyderabad) shared their usable technologies to make fast technology flow to the farmers.



Dr. A.K. Singh, DDG (Agril Extension), ICAR, New Delhi, in his inaugural address urged the KVKs to take appropriate interventions towards increasing farmers income. He said KVKs acts as knowledge and resource centre for agricultural technology and they should showcase the frontier technologies for the farmers. Knowledge Systems and Homestead Agriculture Management in Tribal Areas (KSHAMTA) to achieve balanced growth and economic development, Nutri-sensitive Agricultural Research and Innovations (NARI), Value Addition and Technology Incubation Centers in Agriculture (VATICA) are the new programs to be implemented by KVKs, he added.

Dr. K. P. Viswanatha, Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri said KVK is the best model for technology application and dissemination. He also said KVKs need to popularize the best suited Integrated Farming System (IFS) models for sustaining income of the farmers.

Dr. V. P. Chahal, ADG (Agril. Extension), ICAR, New Delhi said KVKs need to decide targets to achieve, making KVK commercially viable and providing quality facilities to the farmers. He focused on high value crops, on farm processing, implementation of innovative ideas and team work of KVKs. He also said mentor KVK may be identified based on performance to sensitize other KVKs.

Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Pune briefed about progress of one year.

Dr. K. D. Kokate, Director Extension Education, MPKV, Rahuri highlighted the present scenario of agriculture and role of KVKs under changing circumstances.

Directors of ICAR Institutes and Senior officials of SAU's participated in the meeting.