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ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Pune was organized a two days **Annual Action Plan Workshop of KVKs in Gujarat** at Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari during 1-2 March, 2019.

In inaugural address, Dr. C.J. Dangaria, Vice Chancellor, NAU, Navsari said that success of the KVK depends on perfect and need based planning. He applauded the efforts of KVKs for frontline extension and creating more visibility in their concerned districts. He urged the KVK experts to identify the technological gap before designing various interventions, reducing cost of cultivation, organizing farmers and adopting latest technologies for enhancing farmers' income.

Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Pune suggested to include farm technologies developed by the ICAR institutes/SAUs under on-farm trials and frontline demonstrations. Workable demonstration units and instructional farm should be maintained and used for educating the farmers and extension workers.

In this program, 38 Senior Scientists and Heads representing 30 KVKs of Gujarat participated and presented their action plan for the year 2019-20. Directors of Extension Education of SDAU, SK Nagar and NAU, Navsari; Professors and Heads of Departments of Navsari Agricultural University gave their valuable suggestions for developing realistic action plan of KVKs. Major Recommendations emerged during workshop are given as under:

Major Recommendations

- Agro-ecosystem analysis, problem-cause analysis, technology gap analysis and soil and water testing should be done before developing action plan in the district.
- All the KVKs should include the technologies recommended by ICAR institutes and SAUs in action plan. The KVK should not restrict only to include the technologies of only one SAU under the area jurisdiction where working.
- Advance planning for arranging inputs/seed of latest varieties is needed at KVK level.
- All the interventions proposed under action plan should reflect doubling farmers' income.
- Observations on different parameters should be recorded and participating farmers should also be trained to maintain the register for such data and observations.
- Each KVK Scientist/SMS should have at least two on-farm trials for solving problems in crops and other enterprises.
- There must be at least two interventions of recommended technologies other than farmers' practice in On-Farm Trials.
- Source of technology with releasing year should be mentioned under each OFT and FLD.
- Separate slide for each individual FLD and OFT should be presented including expenses proposed and other details.
- KVK expert should maintain Daily Diary and have records about each OFT and FLD.
- Activities on post harvest processing and value addition should be planned.
- Focus on nutri-sensitive agriculture should be given and at least one village may be adopted by each KVK to demonstrate and popularize such models in the area.

- Number of trainings should be increased by the KVKs. Number of diagnostic visits should be increased.
- Most successful technologies which are adopted on large scale should be identified and their impact should be analyzed.
- Work plan for instructional farm and demonstration units should also be included in action plan.
- Technical feedback should be communicated to the concerned institute/SAU for further refinement or research work.
- Activities performed by each KVK, should be uploaded on KVK Portal on regular basis.
- Database at KVK level on different activities, awardees-farmers, innovative farmers should be developed.
- All KVKs should organize their SAC meetings before end of December of each year.
- If some KVKs are having externally funded projects, they should indicate it in action plan of the KVK and progress report. Before taking any externally funded project, prior approval of the ICAR-ATARI, Pune should be taken.

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