



26th Zonal Workshop of KVKs under ICAR ATARI Zone-IX organized at Khajuraho Dist: Chhatarpur MP



26th Zonal Workshop of KVKs of Zone comprising of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh was organized at KVK Chhattarpur (Khajuraho) on July 27-29, 2019. Chief Guest of the programme Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Government of India inaugurated the workshop of KVKs on 27 July 2019. Shri N. S. Tomar also visited on Exhibition of KVKs depicting the technological modules for doubling farmers income, value added products developed by KVKs and progressive farmers. He appreciated the work done by KVKs for speedy progress of agriculture in the state along with tribal region. He emphasised that KVK Scientists have to work in convergence mode for doubling the farmers income could be doubled by proper production plan coupled with marketing strategy, so that farmers income could be enhanced. There is need to make farmers more aware and knowledgeable on the newly developed technology along with proper skill for its better application. Chitnis, Former Minister, Women and Child Development, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh pointed out that there is need to improve the resource use efficiency in agriculture and create awareness of Nutrition literacy. Shri Vishnu Dutt Sharma Ji, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Khajuraho Loksabha Constituency emphasized on the role of KVKs and stated that farmers have faith in KVK Scientist and have achieved tangible benefits from technical advice seed and planting material from KVK. Kunwar Pushpendra Singh Chandel ji, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Hamirpur Loksabha Constituency in his address stated to replicate the successful models of KVK on wider scale in convergence mode. Dr. A. K. Singh, Deputy Director General (AE), ICAR-New Delhi in his address briefed about the new initiatives of KVK@150 for technology application related to micro-irrigation, balanced nutrition for soils. He further informed about the new initiatives of ICAR in the form of NARI, VATICA, KSHAMTA etc. for empowerment of women and tribal farmers and linking KVKs with common service centres. Dr. S. K. Rao, VC, RVSKVV, Gwalior in his address stated to focus on production and productivity of oilseeds. There are many points taken on our speech for oilseed. Dr. P. K. Bisen, VC, JNKVV, Jabalpur, admired the kind of works and performance being showed by the KVKs in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh being acknowledged at National level. Shri Abhay Mahajan, Organizing Secretary, DRI, Chitrakoot advocated promotion of organic farming model for resource conservation and sustainable development.

Dr. Anupam Mishra, Director ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur addressed to the participants and enumerated significant achievement of the Zone IX, KVKs on the basis of which KVKs received best national KVK award from ICAR and recognition at national level. He further informed that KVKs are focussing mainly on doubling farm income, nutrition sensitive agriculture through nutri-SMART villages, climate resilient technologies, tribal focused intervention under KSHAMTA marketing through SHGs and FPOs. The workshop was attended by about 300 participants including Vice Chancellors of SAUs, Directors of ICAR

Institutes, Representatives from NGOs, Officials from ICAR, Head and Scientist from KVKs and Innovatives farmers.

On the occasion 3 mobile Apps – by KVK Jhabua, Raisen, Bankhedhi were launched and publication Agri- waste recycling through bio-waste decomposer and two news letters by ATARI Jabalpur and 11 Publications of KVKs was released.

