

International Workshop on Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture and Nutrition Literacy May 14-16, 2018

An International Workshop on Nutrition-Sensitive Agriculture and Nutrition Literacy was organized during May 14-16, 2018 at Bhopal jointly by ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur and Women and Child Development Department, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh.

Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Minister of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj and Mines, Government of India inaugurated the workshop in presence of Smt Archana Chitnis, Hon'ble Minister of Women and Child Development, Prof. S.K. Rao Vice Chancellor RVSKVV Shri J.K. Kansotiya, Principal Secretary Women and Child Development, Dr Anupam Mishra, Director, ICAR-ATARI Jabalpur, Ms. Sonali Ponche Vayagankar, MD, MVVN, Mr. Michael Juma, CEO, UNICEF, Director of Extension, Key speakers and other officials from the ICAR, Line departments and other international organizations like UNICEF, IFAD, IRRI, CMMYT, ICRIASAT, etc.



During his inaugural speech, **Shri Tomar** expressed great happiness to have such timely workshop on the nutritional issue which is very crucial not only for the Madhya Pradesh rather all other states of the country. He emphasized that initiative of the Smt. Chitnis will help in making the Madhya Pradesh state more healthy. He further assured that his ministry will extend all the help and support for successful implementation of the Nutri-Smart villages in the M.P.

Mrs. Archana Chitnis, Hon'ble Minister of Women and Child Development has applauded the technical support received by ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur and the kind of interest shown by the Director, ATARI with full team of the KVK scientists in the implementation of the Nutri-Smart villages for enhancing the nutrition literacy and make the child more healthy and happy for making India a brighter country. She informed the house that at present there are 313 Nutri-Smart villages, one in each block of the M.P. All the development departments are involved with clear role and agenda for making the village Nutri-Smart in real sense.



Dr. Anupam Mishra, Director, ICAR-ATARI Jabalpur has enumerated the steps of the genesis of the Nutri-Smart Village through nutrition sensitive agriculture in the state. He further added that nutrition security has multi-fold effect on the health and economy of the society. It is directly linked with the poverty and education. KVKs are playing pivotal role in bringing nutritional security in the state through appropriate technological interventions.

Dr. A.K.Singh, Deputy Director General (AE), ICAR New Delhi during his valedictory speech shared about the new initiative of ICAR in the form of Nutri-Sensitive Agricultural Resources and Innovations (NARI) for making the evolving new extension methodologies and approaches for long lasting effect of the efforts in this direction. He further added that ICAR has initiated several other projects like Knowledge Systems and Homestead Agriculture Management in Tribal Areas (KSHMTA), and Value-addition and Technology Incubation Centres in Agriculture (VATICA), etc. to make the society happy, healthy and educated so that the development efforts could be ensured.

The unique International Workshop was focused on the six thematic areas viz., Innovative practices to promote nutrition-sensitive agriculture and food security; Value chain and village trade related issues; Capacity development of women institutions/ SHGs/ FIGs/FPOs; Enabling suitable governance and policy; Nutrition Literacy; Improving Maternal and Child Nutrition

Hon'ble Chief Guest Shri Narendra Singh Tomar also inaugurated the **exhibition** of laid out on this occasion of International workshop. In the exhibition, all KVKs' home scientist and scientist of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh participated and presented poster. During the programme 'Agriculture based *Poshan* Calendar' developed by ICAR-ATARI Jabalpur and Women and Child Development Department, Madhya Pradesh was also released.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. S.R.K.Singh, Principal Scientist, ATARI and Dr. Sunil Singh, Additional Director, WCD as organizing Secretary with the full support of organizing committee and department officials. The workshop was glorified with 512 participants who presented their keynote lecture, lead papers and research papers were presented

