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Director's Message



It is a great pleasure to all of us that we have successfully organized KVKs Zonal Workshop 2022 focusing on "Strengthening IFS through Appropriate Technologies Along with Organic and Natural Farming Practices" at UAS, Dharwad during 19-22 June, 2022. Our hearty congratulations to the award winning farmers Shri. Shree Padre and Smt. Sushomma for being honoured for their noteworthy contribution in natural resource conservation and entrepreneurship.

The registration of brand 'Kisan Samridh' for marketing of farmers products and KVKs technology products is yet another achievement from ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru. Launch of 'KVK KISAN KART' (3K) is one of the noble effort from ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru to go online for marketing the technology products of KVKs. It is a very good initiative of ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru with the support of KVKs and I appreciate their efforts.

Strengthening farming system approach, focus on climate resilient technologies, value addition, and entrepreneurial development are the most important areas to be focused for inclusive development and sustainability of this sector. Sustainable agriculture consists of environment friendly methods of farming that allow the production of crops or livestock without damage to human or natural systems. It involves preventing adverse effects to soil, water, biodiversity, surrounding or downstream resources, as well as to those working or living on the farm or in neighbouring areas. Elements of sustainable agriculture can include permaculture, agro forestry, mixed farming, multiple cropping, and crop rotation.

Natural farming is based on an integrated relationship among soil, mineral, water, plant, micro-flora, insects, animals and human beings. It creates productive landscapes and successfully reconciles food production and environmental conservation KVK system is now working to integrate the modern technologies with the natural farming practices to ensure sustainability through resource conservation and minimizing the external input use. This is challenging task which we all strive to achieve through the committed efforts and focused programmes. I wish all success in this new mission.

(V. Venkatasubramanian)

Garib Kalyan Sammelan

Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi addressed the "Garib Kalyan Sammelan" in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh on 31 May, 2022. The Sammelan marking the completion of eight years of the government led by the Prime Minister was organized across the country at state capitals and district headquarters. The KVKs pan India also arranged the live webcasting of the PM's programme. A total of 13153 beneficiaries, farmers and other participants viewed live telecast programme at their respective KVKs of Kerala, Karnataka and Lakshadweep. The Sammelan conceptualizes the elected public representatives across the country directly interacting with the public to get feedback about the various welfare programmes being run by the Government.



Hon'ble Prime Minister also released the 11th Instalment of financial benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) Scheme and interacted with the beneficiaries of PM-KISAN across the country. This enabled the transfer of amount Rs. 21000 crore to more than 10 crore beneficiary farm families. Governor of Himachal Pradesh, Shri Rajendra Arlekar, Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Shri Jai Ram Thakur, and Union Minister Shri Anurag Singh Thakur were among those present on the occasion in Shimla.

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KVK Kodagu

Addressing the gathering, Hon'ble Prime Minister expressed his happiness to be present in Himachal on this momentous occasion. He congratulated and wished the farmers as more than 10 crore farmers have received the money in their bank accounts through the PM-KISAN Scheme. He expressed his satisfaction that he released benefits under the PM CARES for Children Scheme on the occasion of the completion of eight years of the Government. He expressed happiness for releasing the financial benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme nationwide from Shimla. He thanked the people for giving him the opportunity to serve 130 crore citizens.

Hon'ble Prime Minister highlighted that welfare schemes, good governance, and welfare of the poor (Seva Sushasan and Gareeb Kalyan) have changed the meaning of government for the people. Hon'ble Prime Minister said we have taken the initiative to ensure that 100 per cent benefits reach 100 per cent of the beneficiaries. He said that the Government has taken a pledge for reaching the saturation of the beneficiaries. Hundred per cent empowerment means ending discrimination, eliminating recommendations, and ending appeasement. Thus, every poor gets full benefits from government schemes.



KVK Idukki

Hon'ble Prime Minister stressed the need of development work for the bright future of the coming generations and for the bright India of the 21st century. An India whose identity is not deprivation but modernity. No goal is impossible in front of our capability. He added that today India is one of the fastest-growing economies in the world. Now record foreign investment is happening in India. Today India is also creating records in exports. "All should come forward and play our part in the journey of progress of our country", he concluded.



KVK Palakkad

KVKs Zonal Workshop 2022

The ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Bengaluru in collaboration with University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Dharwad organized the KVKs Zonal Workshop 2022 from 19 to 22 June, 2022 with a theme “Strengthening IFS through appropriate technologies along with organic and natural farming practices”.

Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Hon’ble Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India inaugurated the workshop in the presence of Honourable Ministers, Government of Karnataka Shri B.C.Patil (Agriculture) and Shri Shankar B. Patil Munenkoppa (Textiles and Sugar); Shri S V Sankanur, MLC; Dr.T. Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR; Dr.A.K.Singh, Deputy Director General, Agricultural Extension, ICAR; Dr.Mahadev B. Chetti, Vice Chancellor UAS, Dharwad; Dr.V.Venkatasubramanian, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru and other dignitaries



Hon’ble Union Minister of State during her inaugural address expressed that the India has an opportunity to emerge as a global player in export of agricultural produces, and advised to rely on natural and organic farming in a phased manner. She said that value addition to agricultural products and reducing pesticide residues in food products is the need of the hour. Agricultural Universities and KVKs should guide the farmers so that they can make use of the technologies available in a pursuit to double their income.



Hon’ble Agriculture Minister Government of Karnataka Shri B. C. Patil said that state government is making all efforts to make agriculture a business by creating separate department called secondary agriculture first time in the country. He advised the agriculture students (agriculture graduates) should become job providers instead of job seekers.



Dr.T. Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR during his virtual keynote address emphasised that diversification is necessary in agriculture to overcome the problems due to climate change and improve the sustainability in agriculture



Dr.A.K. Singh, DDG (AE), ICAR in his online address stressed on the steps to be taken towards doubling of farmers’ income and said that the workshop is planned to strengthen the Integrated Farming System through organic and natural farming to come out with the strategies to increase farmers income.



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During the occasion, Shri Shree Padre, farm journalist cum campaigner on Rainwater Harvesting and Smt. Sushomma, entrepreneur were honoured with Kisan Samridhi Award 2022 and Best Women Entrepreneur Award 2022, respectively.



Three publications entitled ‘Achieving Food, Nutrition and Livelihood Security-KVKs from Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep’, ‘One District One Product - A strategic document by KVKs’ and ‘Technology Inventory from ICAR Institutes for KVKs’, and registered exclusive logo for KVK products ‘KISAN SAMRIDDHI’ and a KVK app to sell the products of KVKs and farmers “KVK KISAN KART” were released during the inaugural function.

The filed visit to experience different integrated farming system and natural farming models adopted by farmers, interaction with promoters of FPO Kadamba Cooperative Limited, Sirsi under the guidance of KVK Uttara Kannada was arranged on the second day.

On third day started with celebration of International Yoga Day followed by release of “Hand book on Processing and Value Addition to Fruits and Vegetables” by Dr. G.R. Chintala, Chairman National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, (NABARD) Mumbai and his interaction with delegates from KVKs. The field visit to KVK Belgaum-II and KVK Kolhapur-II including visit to Gaushala, *lakhpatikheti* model, natural farming practices and demonstration unit on indigenous cattle and cow based value added products were organized.



KVK Uttar Kannada



KVK Kolhapur-II



KVK Belagavi-II



On fourth day, visit to ICAR-IIPR RRS, Dharwad and lecture on 'Production technologies for crop rotation in IFS' was arranged. Dr. Ashok Narula, Former Director, ICAR-ATARI, Ludhiana delivered a lecture on 'Strengthening of KVK System based on QRT Recommendations' and Dr. S. Prabhukumar, Former Director, ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru and Ludhiana delivered a lecture on 'Documentation of success stories, case studies and data analysis'.

The valedictory function was held on June 22, 2022 under holy presence of Pujiyashri Adrishya Kadsiddheshwar Swamiji, Shri Kshetra Siddhagiri Mahasansthan, Kaneri, Kolhapur. He said that cultivable soil of our country has deteriorated due to the use of unscientific chemicals and fertilizers. Hence, increasing soil fertility is very important. Swamiji exhibited products produced by the farmers and marketed under the brand name Siddhagiri Naturals. He expressed that similar kind of activity can be taken up by all KVKs to help the farmers sell their value added products. ADG (AE), ICAR, New Delhi, Dr. Randhir Singh Poswal in his valedictory remarks said that, the farmers income can be increased by reducing input cost, increasing production and productivity. Honourable Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Dharwad Dr. M. B. Chetti in his presidential remarks said that agriculture can be made profitable when farmers involve themselves in farming. Directors of Extension from all Agricultural Universities and Heads of all KVKs from Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep were present. Director, ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru, Dr. Venkatasubramanian welcomed the guests and Director of Extension, UAS, Dharwad Dr. I. S. Katageri proposed the vote of thanks.



Awareness campaign on efficient & balanced use of fertilizers

Awareness campaign on "Efficient and Balanced Use of Fertilizers" was organised by 40 KVKs of ATARI Bengaluru on 21 June, 2022 wherein 3080 farmers, 35 VIPs and public representatives participated. During the campaign, topics on use of organic manures, green manure, organic inputs, bio-fertilizers, soil test based nutrient application, and nano-fertilizer for various crops in their district were covered.



KVK Thrissur

International Yoga Day

Twenty four KVKs of ATARI Bengaluru conducted International Yoga Day celebration on 21 June, 2022 at KVK premises with 1614 participants which includes farmers, officials and other stakeholders. Yoga Experts, Medical Officers from Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences Institutes were also invited to speak on the importance of yoga in daily life. Yogic exercises were taught for the participating farmers and farm women under the guidance of experienced yoga teachers. They also created awareness on region specific agro-forestry during the occasion to reduce the risk of climatic vulnerability in cultivation of field crops.



KVK Kodagu



KVK Bengaluru Rural

Launching of Phase-II of NICRA-TDC in Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep

The ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Bengaluru organized the “NICRA Phase-II Launching Cum Annual Review 2021-22 and Annual Action Plan 2022-23 workshop” in collaboration with CRIDA, Hyderabad at ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru from 13 to 14 June, 2022. Dr. D.V. Srinivasa Reddy, Principal Scientist and nodal officer of NICRA, ATARI, Bengaluru briefed about the NICRA workshop and welcomed all the dignitaries



Dr Vinod Kumar Singh, Director, ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad formally launched implementation of the phase-II of NICRA in the KVKs of ATARI, Bengaluru. He highlighted the new typological models of interventions that have a direct impact on climate change. He emphasised the need to promote carbon sequestration, biomass recycling, reduce the application of nitrogen and improve crop productivity and soil health in a holistic way.

Dr. M. Jayashree Krishankutty, DE, KAU, Kerala; Dr. K Narayana Gowda, DE, UAS, Bengaluru; and Dr. B. Hemla Naik, DE, UAHS, Shivamogga shared their work experiences as well as the benefits attained by the farmers on adoption of various climate resilient technologies in the existing TDC-NICRA-KVK villages.



Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian in his address necessitated to focus more on the identification of climate constraints of the new TDC-NICRA-KVK villages for demonstration of need-based technologies to minimize the risk of extreme events.

Dr. R. H. Laxman, Principal Scientist, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru, Dr.Kandiannan, Principal Scientist, ICAR- IISR, Calicut and Dr. G Byju, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvanthapuram presented important potential climate resilient technologies such as climate resilient varieties, climate resilient and profitable intercrops, IFS models, crop nutrition management and other management practises that improve agricultural production under adverse climatic conditions and enhance resilience

After launching and inaugural session, the dignitaries and participants visited the TDC-NICRA-KVK village, D Nagenahalli, Tumukur district of Karnataka Head, KVK, Tumakuru-II briefed about the interventions of resilient practices viz., water harvesting structures, dryland horticulture systems, custom hiring center, seed and fodder production systems adopted by the farmers of that village during the field visit.

On the second day of the workshop, all 14 NICRA-KVKs of Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep presented their progress report (2021-22) and Action Plan (2022-23). The panellists thoroughly assessed the KVK's achievements as well as their annual action plan and provided necessary guidance to the NICRA- KVKs for the project implementation in 2022-23.

Dr.J.V.N.S. Prasad, Coordinator, NICRA, CRIDA, Hyderabad, stated that each intervention should be planned in relation to climate vulnerabilities like drought, cyclone, salinity, heat stress, and flood.



Dr. D.V. Srinivasa Reddy, Principal Scientist and nodal officer of NICRA, ATARI, Bengaluru coordinated the entire programme and gave vote of thanks .

12th Biennial National Krishi Vigyan Kendra Conference - 2022

Two-days 12th Biennial National Krishi Vigyan Kendra Conference-2022 on Sustainable Agricultural Production System was jointly organized by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi and Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan, Himachal Pradesh at Solan during 1-2 June, 2022.

Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare said that the Krishi Vigyan Kendras and Krishi Vishwavidyalaya play an important role in ensuring the best agricultural practices and realizing the vision of Aatma Nirbhar Bharat in the country. Agricultural Scientists should work to ensure healthy soil, better production and realize the vision of Shreshtha Bharat. The Union Minister regarded the KVKs and Agricultural Universities as the prominent source of guidance for the farming communities. The significant role played by the agricultural scientists for encouraging the farmers to adopt the natural farming practices across the country were stressed by Shri Acharya Devvrat, Governor of Gujarat.

It is the need of the hour to give more importance to save water as it is the essential element not only for the agricultural practices; but, the survival of human life too, stressed Shri Jai Ram Thakur, Chief Minister, Government of Himachal Pradesh in his address.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Kailash Choudhary, Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare urged the agricultural scientists for disseminating the new and latest agricultural technologies at the farmers' doorsteps effectively. "It is our utmost duty to ensure that the farmers get fair prices for their produces", said the Minister.

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR) highlighted the ICAR's achievements in making the country independent in food production and the KVKs role in increasing the pulses & oilseeds production and reducing the dependence on imports. The Director General urged the KVKs for acting in a convergence mode with the line departments, research institutes & other stakeholders and set ground for another revolution in the Indian agriculture.



The different Technical Sessions held on the occasion were focused on the themes like Precision Agriculture, Diversification & Intensification; Natural Farming for Sustainable Agriculture and Successful Interventions & Experiences of KVKs and Young Entrepreneurs Facilitating KVKs in Management, Administrative & Financial Matters, etc. The Conference registered participation by more than 1,200 Delegates from 731 KVKs, Agricultural Universities and ICAR Institutes, etc.

Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR and Dr. Rajeshwar Singh Chandel, Vice-Chancellor, YSPUHF, Solan, Himachal Pradesh chaired the different sessions held during the occasion.

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Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR welcomed the dignitaries for the valedictory session.

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR) in his valedictory address stated that the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has envisioned for encouraging the use of Kisan Drone to enhance the productivity and farmers' income.

In valedictory address, Shri Parshottam Rupala, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying regarded the KVKs as the pillars of agricultural growth and prosperity in India. Highlighting the different priority areas of agriculture and allied sectors, the Union Minister urged for developing the KVKs as the Agri-Drone Centres.



In his address, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Governor of Himachal Pradesh urged the KVKs to become the “Centres of Excellence” on natural farming across the country. Shri Kailash Choudhary, Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare shared his experience of visiting the farmers practicing the natural farming. The Minister stressed on the need to promote the natural farming and urged the youths to engage in agri-preneurial activities for enhancing the income.

The dignitaries released the various ICAR publications on the occasion.

Dr. Rajeshwar Singh Chandel, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Yashwant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan, Himachal Pradesh proposed the vote of thanks.



Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR visits KVK-Lakshadweep

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi visited KVK, Lakshadweep at Kavaratti on 16 April, 2022. He was accompanied by Dr.J.K.Jena, DDG (Fisheries Science), Dr.A.Gopalakrishnan, Director, ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi, and Dr.V.Venkatasubramanian, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Bangalore.



During the visit, a Farmer's Meet was organized which was attended by 50 progressive farmers along with the officials of the UT Administration of Lakshadweep. Addressing the gathering Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra stated that seaweed culture, value addition and processing of coconut and fish are the three important areas for improving entrepreneurship in the islands. During the meet, farmers, entrepreneurs, promoters of new FPOs formed and beneficiaries of TSP-ICAR-CMFRI were felicitated by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra. Prior to the Farmer's Meet, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra visited the District Agro Meteorological Unit established by KVK, Lakshadweep at Kavaratti. He suggested that the data generated from the unit should be validated and tried to be disseminated to all islands. Innovative methods for dissemination of such information should be attempted



An interface meeting between the ICAR and officials of the UT Administration of Lakshadweep was chaired by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra which was attended by Mr. Amith Satija, Secretary (Finance), Mr. Shashank Mani Tripathy, Secretary (Agriculture) and Mr. Santhosh Kumar Reddy, Special Secretary (Agriculture) of the UT Administration of Lakshadweep.

Dr. P. N. Ananth Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Lakshadweep presented the achievements of KVK and Dr. Mohammed Koya, Scientist presented the achievements of ICAR-CMFRI's work on fisheries in Lakshadweep. Chairing the interface meeting, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra indicated to carry out works on promotion of nutri gardens, soil less media, water conservation, coconut value addition and processing along with the expertise of ICAR Institutes in the region. Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra informed the KVK to take up works on water harvesting, promoting local varieties, concentrate on seed production, planting materials, identify alternatives of plastic grow bags, introduce new poultry strains and others. Above all planting medium should be identified using local resources. He also emphasized collaborating with ICAR institutes for the works to be carried out.



Kisan Bhagidari Prarthamikata Hamari Campaign

As a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, Kisan Mela on the eve of Kisan Bhagidari Prarthamikata Hamari Campaign was organized by 48 KVKs of ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru on 26 April, 2022 in collaboration with Department of Agriculture and other departments. Launch of Kisan Bhagidari Prarthmitka Hamari - Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav was inaugurated by Hon'ble Union Minister and Union State Ministers for the farmers and farm women.

After launching programme, special lectures on natural farming, millet cultivation and value addition, bio-fortified crops, oilseed production and kisan credit cards were arranged. On this occasion, exhibitions were arranged by various departments and agencies at KVK campuses.

Exhibitions related to technologies in natural farming, millet cultivation and value addition, oilseed production technologies, fodder production, dry land technologies, farm machineries were organised. The method demonstrations on preparation of Jeevamruta and Gokrupamruta were carried out. The programme was attended by nine Members of Parliament and 12 Member of Legislature of state assemblies including participation of Sri.P.Prasad, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Govt. of Kerala at KVK Alappuzha. A total of 12847 farmers participated in the event along with 876 other dignitaries including presidents and members of local panchayats and other officials from line departments like agriculture and allied sectors.



KVK Gadag



KVK Uttar Kannada



KVK Davanagere



KVK Gadag

Annual review cum action plan meetings of KVKs under Zone-XI

The annual review cum action plan meetings of 48 KVKs of Zone-XI comprising Karnataka, Kerala and Lakshadweep were conducted in three phases. During the meetings, the progress of KVKs for the year 2021 were reviewed, and action plan for the period 2022-23 were discussed and finalized. Presentation of individual KVK was reviewed by the experts from respective Agricultural Universities, ICAR Institutes and ICAR - ATARI, Bengaluru under the chairmanship of Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru. Details are given below:



Phase-I: Three-days action plan cum review meeting of 16 KVKs under the jurisdiction of Directorate of Extension, UAS, Dharwad and UAS, Raichur viz., Bagalkote, Belagavi-I, Belagavi-II, Dharwad, Gadag, Haveri, Uttara Kannada, Vijayapura-I, Vijayapura-II, Ballari, Bidar, Kalaburagi-I, Kalaburagi-II, Koppal, Raichur and Yadgir was organized at UAS Dharwad during 21 to 23 April, 2022. The meeting was inaugurated in the presence of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. M. B. Chetti, Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Director, Directors of Extension of UAS, Dharwad, Raichur, Bagalkot and Shivamogga. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. M.B. Chetti, expressed that the preparation of action plan has to be given highest priority and sufficient interaction has to be made before finalising the action plan. He also emphasized on creating skilled youths through special trainings to cater to the needs of villages and called upon extension scientists to create awareness about diversification and sustainability of agriculture to double the income of farmers. Dr. Balachandra Naik, Director of Extension, UAS, Dharwad and Dr. M.J. Chandre Gowda, Principal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI coordinated the meeting

Phase-II: Three-days action plan cum review meeting of 15 KVKs of Kerala and Lakshadweep viz., Alappuzha, Ernakulam, Idukki, Kannur, Kasaragod, Kollam, Kottayam, Kozhikode, Malappuram, Palakkad, Pathanamthitta, Thiruvananthapuram, Thrissur, Wayanad and Lakshadweep was organized at KAU, Thrissur during 28 to 30

April 2022. The meeting was inaugurated in the presence of Dr. A. Sakeer Husain, Registrar, KAU, Thrissur and Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Director, ATARI, Bengaluru. Dr. Jayasree Krishnankutty, Director of Extension, KAU, Thrissur, Dr. B.T.Rayudu and Dr. D.V.S. Reddy, Principal Scientists of ICAR-ATARI coordinated the meeting

Phase-III: Three-days action plan cum review meeting of 17 KVKs under the jurisdiction of Directorate of Extension, UAS, Bengaluru and UAHS, Shivamogga viz., Bengaluru Rural, Chamarajanagara, Chikkaballapura, Hassan, Kolar, Mandya, Mysuru, Ramanagara, Tumakuru-I, Tumakuru-II, Chikkamagaluru, Chitradurga, Davanagere, Dakshina Kannada, Kodagu, Shivamogga and Udupi was organized at GKVK Campus during 4 to 6 May, 2022. Meeting was inaugurated in the presence of Dr. K. C. Narayanaswamy, Director of Education, Dr. V. Venkatasubramanian, Director, ATARI, Bengaluru, Directors of Extension of UAS Bengaluru, Bagalkot and Shivamogga. In his inaugural address, Dr. K. C. Narayanaswamy highlighted the importance of secondary agriculture in the present scenario and suggested all KVKs to take more number of activities for its promotion. He also expressed that the major challenges to be addressed by KVKs for the betterment of farmers. Dr. N. Devakumar, Director of Extension, UAS, Bengaluru and Dr. D.V.S. Reddy, Principal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI coordinated the event.



Foundation stone laying ceremony of Farmers' Hostel and Staff Quarters of KVK, Belagavi-II

Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Honourable Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India, New Delhi laid Foundation Stone for Farmers Hostel and Staff Quarters at KVK, Belagavi-II on 19 June, 2022. Speaking on the occasion she expressed that KVK, Belagavi-II has come up as a model centre for rendering the services to the farming community. KVK has promoted good number of technologies which has been widely adopted by the farmers of the region.

Production of oilseeds is being given a boost as it reduces the country's reliance on imports for its cooking oil. This programme is being launched to achieve self-sufficiency in oilseed production. In this regard, KVK was provided Rs.1.5 crore as a grant by DAC & FW towards increasing the area under oilseed crop-soybean with the technical guidance from ICAR-IISR, Indore. Similar steps have been taken to export fruits and vegetables to other countries. The motto of the agriculture scientists should be towards doubling farmers income through their technologies. She said that the Government has been extending credit facilities at three per cent rate of interest to start agriculture based business.

Dr. Prabhakar B. Kore, Chairman, KLE Society, Belagavi expressed that, Farmers Hostel is a need of the hour for organizing training programme for the farmers. Similarly by construction of the Staff Quarters at the KVK Campus will facilitate the farmers to avail the services of the scientists as and when required. As sugarcane and soybean are the major crops of the district, KVK is popularising intercrop of sugarcane with soybean to ensure self-sufficiency of oilseed crop. KVK has produced 1500q of seed during last year. As Belagavi is a hub for vegetable production and 50% of vegetables are wasted due to poor handling, establishing huge vegetable processing unit at Belagavi will help the farmers in getting remunerative prices for their produce.

Shri Mahantesh Dodagoudar, MLA, Kittur called upon the farmers to make use of facilities at the KVK and Kisan Bazar to get quality inputs like seeds and fertilizers. The services of the scientists must be availed to obtain good yield and congratulated Dr. Prabhakar Koreji for completing one decade in the service of farming community.

Dr. Venkatasubramanian, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru expressed that KVK is putting all out efforts to double the farmers income through its mandated activities. This KVK is pioneer in supply of quality seeds of soybean.

Shri B. R. Patil, Chairman, ICAR-KVK, Belagavi-II welcomed dignitaries and gathering. Mrs. Sridevi B. Angadi, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Belagavi-II delivered vote of thanks.



A view of Bhoomipooja on the occasion of foundation stone laying for Farmers Hostel and Staff Quarters of KVK, Belagavi-II in the presence of Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Honourable Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and other dignitaries



Sushri Shobha Karandlaje, Honourable Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare laid the foundation stone for Farmers Hostel and Staff Quarters of KVK, Belagavi-II



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