

## **ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur organized 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Zonal Workshop of KVKs of Uttar Pradesh**

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Zonal Workshop of Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Zone-III, Uttar Pradesh was organized from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 02<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 by ICAR-ATARI, Zone-III, Kanpur at the Institute of Agricultural Sciences, BHU, Varanasi. Scientists from all 89 Krishi Vigyan Kendras and innovator farmers (64) of Uttar Pradesh participated in this workshop.

Prof. Panjab Singh, Chancellor of Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi and Chief Guest in the inaugural function of workshop while addressing the participants called upon to continue for advancing their experiences and knowledge so that research work can be given more speed. He said that according to the changing weather condition, there is need to develop such varieties and practices which may ensure climate resilience in the farming system.

On this occasion chairperson Prof. V.K. Shukla, Rector, BHU, Varanasi said that the contribution of women and youth in agriculture is remarkable. He said that we have to increase the per unit production in farming.

Guest of Honour Dr. U.S. Gautam, DDG (AE), ICAR, New Delhi said that water, land, climate and forests have to be safeguarded. He said that Krishi Vigyan Kendra need to be made more modern and also increase their efficiency. He emphasized that the role of Krishi Vigyan Kendras will be even greater in the time to come.

Guest of Honour Dr. Ranjay Kumar Singh, ADG (AE), ICAR, New Delhi highlighted for bringing precision in farming and said that drones should be used on more farmers' fields so that good farming can be done in lesser time and cost.

Guest of Honour Dr. Anand Kumar Singh, Vice-Chancellor, CSAUAT, Kanpur and Dr. K.K. Singh, Vice-Chancellor, SVPUAT, Meerut said in their address that flower cultivation to be promoted in Uttar Pradesh so that farmers may become self-reliant. They also mentioned that growing more quantum of these crops which are required lesser magnitude should be relooked.

Dr. S.K. Dubey, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur said that 17 Centers of Excellence, 7 Seed Hubs has been established in Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Uttar Pradesh. Natural farming is running in 52 Krishi Vigyan Kendras, besides ARYA (10 districts), NICRA (17 districts), CRM (13 districts) and TSP/SCSP (12 districts). He also highlighted that what can be done by UP KVKs in 2024 for the farmers was the theme of this workshop. He said that the climate change which is going on at the present time and various other issues including water conservation, soil conservation, hunger free village, brining climate resilience in farming etc. will be discussed in the workshop.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of workshop Dr. Bijendra Singh, Vice Chancellor, ANDUAT, Ayodhya addressed the workshop, he advised the farmers to grow millets i.e. Shri Anna. Because of the greater extent of climate change, farmers should have an alternative planning regarding crop husbandry.

Workshop concluded on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 where in Chief Guest Dr. Sanjay Singh, DG, UPCAR, Lucknow graced the function. In the workshop KVKs presented their progress report. Padma Awardee farmers from various district of Uttar Pradesh along with Expert Resource Persons were also present in the workshop. All Scientists of Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Uttar Pradesh including Director Extensions of all SAUs of Uttar Pradesh participated in the workshop.

