

Farm Innovators Meet by ATARI, Hyderabad

A farm innovators meet was organized by ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Zone-X at Hyderabad on 14th April, 2018 in which 50 farm innovators from 30 districts spread across the states of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry shared their innovative practices/ technologies.

Dr A.K. Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension) while inaugurating the farm innovators meet, emphasized the increasing need to focus on income-centric strategy rather than production-centric approach for farmers' welfare. Several initiatives in this direction include creation of successful models under tribal sub-plan in 125 tribal districts through KVKs, empowerment of women through nutria-sensitive agriculture under NARI program, establishment of value-addition and technology incubation centers at KVKs & FPOs and attracting youth into agriculture. He expressed that continuous engagement with farmers and recognizing their innovative ideas should become a regular feature.

Dr Y.G. Prasad, Director, ATARI expressed that the meeting will facilitate sharing of key features and advantages of farmer innovations in the areas of farm mechanization, horticulture, organic farming, Integrated farming systems & allied enterprises, processing and value addition. Selected farm innovations will be validated by KVKs supported under Farm Innovation Fund. Farmers presented their innovation through PPTs, videos, display of posters, products and live demonstrations.



A publication and CD on “Farm Innovators – Take the Challenge, Be the Change” documenting 36 selected profiles of Farmer Innovators along with details of innovations was released by DDG (AE), ICAR on this occasion.

The meeting was attended by 125 participants comprising of Directors of Extension Education (DEEs), Directors from local ICAR institutes, farmer innovators and scientists from KVKs and ICAR research institutes.

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