

KVK SYSTEM ENVISIONS USING MAONITORING, LEARNING AND EVALUATION TO SEE IMPACTS

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Agriculture Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Kanpur in collaboration with Indian Institute of Vegetable Research (IIVR), Varanasi and CSISA organized a one day training of trainers (TOT) on monitoring, learning and evaluation (ML&E) process of agriculture technologies. The training was held at IIVR campus Varanasi, on 18th April, 2017. It was attended by one scientist each from 12 KVKs of Eastern UP. This is the part of the strategy in the extension research where evidences will be generated on technologies which are accepted by farmers and which are not accepted by farmers and why. The combined program of ATARI and the CSISA on evidence generation that lead to better return on investment in agricultural research and extension was launched this year and will expand further. The ML&E team led by Arindam, Anurag Ajay and Ashok Kumar gave a brief overview of the project experience for conducting survey and how to collect the data? The data can be directly fed into their systems with Open Data Kit (ODK) technology.

Dr AK Singh, the DDG extension chaired the first session. While addressing the trainees he emphasized on the fact that KVKs need a solid database in order to make their presence felt as a scientific extension system at the district level. ML&E will help bring such facts



back in to the research and extension system at the beginning of each season especially when the technical programs are finalized and seasonal planning meetings are organized by the states. Dr Singh asked the KVK scientists to change their mindsets and create evidences for what works and what does not work. During the discussion Dr US Gautam , the Director ATARI said that this is what is needed in the KVKs system . He appreciated public harvesting event organized by CSISA in Mahrajganj district of EUP where two farmers got yield levels of 6.7 and 6.8 tones/ha and that also in the presence of department of agriculture staff. How farmers got this with simple management methods like early sowing and zero tillage should not pass without bringing them in the notice of the DOA. ML&E must be done at the end of each season. This is part of the extension research which later on can be adopted for the extension program of the states. Dr B. Singh, the Director of IIVR appreciated the initiative taken by ATARI and CSISA.

Later Dr Gautam also proposed to have a next training program at Kanpur or Allahabad in the coming month where the computer programmers and the tech savvy subject matter specialists (SMSs) of the KVK will also be participating. We plan to

I expand this in all 69 KVKs of UP, he said. This will be done to ensure smooth functioning of the app based data collection system. Ajay Kumar coordinated the training sessions.

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