

# ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur

**Review workshop of Farmers FIRST Project held at ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2020**

The Review and action plan workshop of “Farmers FIRST Project” was organized at ICAR-ATARI, Zone-III, Kanpur, on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. Seven ICAR institutes of the Zone -III of Uttar Pradesh participated in this workshop.

Dr Atar Singh, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur expressed the need for developing the purposeful action plan and plan based project interventions for benefits and income generation among farmers in system based interventions and technology demonstrated through ICAR institutions. He further said that impact analysis with few success stories to be documented so that the policy makers may be convinced adequately.

Dr. O.P Singh, Member of ZPMC, expressed that the “Farmers FIRST Project” are given to only ICAR institutes because of better implementations and good expectation outcome from “Farmers FIRST Project” by these institutes so there is need to do the work in farmer’s perspective based technology application. Therefore the interventions need to be identified accordingly.

Shri Sethpal, An innovative farmer and Member of ZPMC, and recipient of Jagjivan Ram Innovative Farmer Award, from west UP, also expressed his views, experiences and said that “Farmers FIRST Project” is a scheme mandated for farmers who are the FIRST one who needs the technology for upliftment of their agri production as well as income based agri system.

Dr. Sadhana Pandey PS(HSE) also shared her view on nutritional gardening among farmers practice to improve their nutritional imbalance through the gardening and horticulture based cropping systems.

Dr. Raghendra Singh, PS (Hort.) also gave his valuable suggestions for improvements for project execution.

In the beginning the welcome address was given by Dr. S.K. Dubey PS (AE), who highlighted how “Farmers FIRST Project” has been designed and planned for farmers to develop their capacity for technology based, Natural Resource Management based, crop based and live stock based interventions besides four other action area of the project. The meeting ended with vote of thanks by him.



