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Project Finalization Workshop of “VATICA” at ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur

A Project Finalization Workshop of “VATICA” was organized on 27th December, 2018 at ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur. The main aim of this workshop was to discuss and finalize the projects on “VATICA” (Value Addition and Technology Incubation Center in Agriculture), a programme started by ICAR, New Delhi. Project investigators of 17 KVKs. viz. KVK Deoria, Bijnor,



Fatehpur, Hamirpur, Gazipur, Meerut, Unnao, Gonda-II (Mankapur), Banda, Lalitpur, Mahoba, Jalaun, Lucknow, Sitapur-II, Kanpur Dehat, Kannauj and Bhadohi have presented their projects in this workshop. Appropriateness of the projects in terms of post-harvest technology selected, its technical programme and budget etc. were discussed and finalized during this workshop for their further submission to “Sampada” yojana of Ministry of Food Processing. The programme was organized under the chairmanship of Dr. Atar Singh, Director ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur and conducted by Dr. Sadhna Pandey, Principal Scientist (Home Sci. Ext.) and Dr. S K Dubey, Principal Scientist (Agril. Ext.). Various technologies selected by different KVKs were pulses processing, processing of seasonal fruits and vegetables, dehydration canning and preservation, bakery products, potato chips & wafer, superfood quinoa processing, processing of Moringa etc. for starting a value addition and technology incubation center in their KVKs. After establishment of “VATICA” centers, long term skill based trainings on post-harvest management will be provided by KVKs to farmers, youth and farmer producer organizations. In addition to that KVKs will link the trained farmers with financial institutions to start their own units. KVKs will also provide long term technical support and advisories to the farmers so that they can get rid of various complications in initial phase of running their enterprises.

