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**PROCEEDING OF ANNUAL ZONAL WORKSHOP**  
**ORGANISED BY ICAR-ATARI, JODHPUR AT ANAND AGRICULTURAL**  
**UNIVERSITY (AAU), ANAND, GUJARAT**  
**(w.e.f 2-4th May 2016)**

A three-day Annual Zonal Workshop for Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of Rajasthan and Gujarat was organised at Anand Agricultural University, Anand to review the progress made during the year 2015-16 and finalisation of Annual Action Plan 2016-17. Presentations were made during the 4 technical sessions followed by a plenary session. Based on the presentations made by Senior Scientist-Cum-Head, Directors of Extension Education (DEEs) and Directors of ICAR Institutes, the following recommendations are made for efficiently execution of the schemes/projects of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through KVKs under ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur. Since KVK project is fully funded by ICAR, therefore emphasis on the ICAR agenda must be on TOP priority for the betterment of farming community.

**The FOLLOWING POINTS EMERGED TO BE FOLLOWED STRICTLY IN CARRYING OUT THE ICAR PROJECTS/SCHEMES BY THE KVKs of RAJASTHAN AND GUJARAT STATE.**


1. The KVKs to whom FLDs on Pulses under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and on Oilseeds under the National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil palm (NMOOP) have been allotted, they are advised to avoid any additional FLDs under pulses and oilseed crops. They may focus on some other important FLDs/OFTs on Animal Sciences/Home Sciences/Fisheries etc., as per the availability of SMS at KVK level.
2. Gap assessment need to be organized before conductance of front line demonstration at farmers' fields. Accordingly, critical inputs are to be divided as per local availability, affordability and acceptability of farmers.

3. The FLDs must cover all the essential criteria like need assessment; near to road or public place; fixing of sign board (iron); data recording; organization of field days, other extension activity etc. as per guidelines of ICAR circulated time to time.
4. For undertaking the FLDs/OFTs, standard criterion/guidelines will be adopted as mentioned under the guidelines of ICAR/DAC/or any other ministry.
5. Only 4-5 days (32 hrs) training on a specific topics will be preferred on specified topics for the skill development of farmers/farm women/rural youth. Example: Scientific Dairy Farming Practices in which all the aspects breeding, feeding, healthcare and management issue will be covered with one field visit (institute or any farmers field) on *“seeing is believing”* and *“learning by doing”* principle.
6. The emphasis must be given on off-campus trainings of 4-5 days due to limited resources and better learning in real social settings. The activity may be assigned to a group of SMSs (multi-disciplinary team). The schedule/date wise lectures with name of experts, venue etc., must be communicated to the ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur at least a week in advance for ensuring the participation from ATARI side.
7. Specific areas for creation of vocation amongst rural youth need to be identified on the work experiences on demonstration units at KVK. Duration of vocational training should not be less than 15 days and not more than 6 months. These criteria must be followed by each KVK during 2016-17.
8. More than 10 years crop varieties are not allowed under the FLDs to show the worth of technology among the farmers/farm women. Please be in touch with ICAR research institutes and SAUs for latest technological development and seeds availability of recommended latest varieties.
9. All the blocks of district must be covered under FLDs/trainings & other programmes. The FLDs of various aspects can be taken in cluster mode in a village. Few activities like FLDs on crops/animal sciences/home sciences can be conducted to save the resources, more visibility and better monitoring.

10. The involvement of local public representatives like sarpanch and progressive farmers are very much required in selection of the field/farmers/farm women etc. After selection of farmers/farm women/rural youth with complete addresses including phone number is required. The same is to be communicated in soft copy to ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur before conducting the programme.
11. Directors of Extension Education (DEEs) are advised to conduct monthly review meeting of KVKs with intimation to ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur for ensuring the participation from ATARI in the monthly meeting.
12. All the reports will be compiled first at DEE level; thereafter the same will be sent to the ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur for forwarding to ICAR.
13. Senior Scientist-cum-Heads are directed to facilitate the SMSs in providing the office vehicle for farmers while conducting the trainings/FLDs, and other activities. The details about the date and name of SMSs who visited in the fields are to be communicated to ATARI with good quality photographs every month.
14. Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting will be organized as per the planner of ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur. For any change/modification in date/venue, please write to Director, ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur. The SMSs wise presentation of activities undertaken by SMS is required during SAC meeting for measuring the area wise progress of the KVKs. A field visit of the KVK farm is to be arranged before SAC meeting for better recommendations.
15. Since Women Empowerment is one of the agendas of ICAR/Ministry, hence DEEs/Senior Scientist & Head may ensure that FLDs/OFTs have been taken by Home Science Expert on Drudgery Reduction/Women Friendly Equipment/Nutritional Issues/Value addition/SHG formation, etc.,
16. The information will be documented/reported categorize wise (SC/ST/Female/Male etc.) by KVK for further reporting to the ICAR/Ministry of Agriculture.

17. KVKs will work only on those activities mandated by India Council of Agricultural Research (farmers/farm women/rural youth). Convergence and association with other departments have been presented by KVKs. For any new activity/training/project, KVK may write to the ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur.
18. For increasing the productivity, nutritional and livelihood security of the farmers, Integrated Farming System (IFS) model has to be developed by all the KVKs.
19. Problem based OFT must be formed. Before OFT, rapport building, agro-ecosystem analysis, baseline survey have to be conducted in a participatory mode by all the scientists of KVK.
20. Formal and informal seed distribution system in villages needs to be established for seed production of farmers preferred varieties. All KVKs should develop custom hiring system and establishment of need based demonstration units.
21. In the FLDs, average yield at national, state, district have to be mentioned while reporting and presenting any report.
22. All the KVK Scientists must document the reasons for non-adoption of technology by the farmers for reconsideration. Documentation of Impacts of technologies (SMS wise) is required by each SMS in KVK.
23. Success Story/Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) are to be documented by all the KVKs in consultation with ICAR-ATARI, Jodhpur.

**The proceedings must be circulated among the staff of the KVKs/DEEs for making the ICAR schemes/projects more fruitful.**

  
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**Copy to:**

1. Hon'ble DDG (Agril. Extension), KAB-I, New Delhi for kind information.
2. The Vice-Chancellors/Directors of ICAR institutes/DEEs/President of KVKs for necessary instructions in the implementation of ICAR programmes at KVK level.