

A workshop on  
**“Extension Strategies for Strengthening Agri-Nutri Linkages”**  
organized by  
Division of Agricultural Extension, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute  
on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2017

The Division of Agricultural Extension, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi organized a workshop on **“Extension Strategies for Strengthening Agri-Nutri Linkages”** on 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2017. Dr Premlata Singh, School Coordinator, Social Sciences & Head, Division of Agricultural Extension and her team of scientists organised this event. At the outset, Dr.J.P.Sharma, Joint Director (Extension) welcomed the chief guest of the event Dr.A.K.Singh, Director, IARI & DDG (Extension) and other dignitaries. Dr.H.S.Gupta, Former Director (IARI) & Former Director General, BISA, Dr. Prema Ramachandran, Former Planning Commission Adviser ( Health , nutrition and Population), Former DDG, Indian Council of Medical Research & Former Deputy Director, National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad Dr.B.Rajender, Joint Secretary (Crops), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Dr. P.N.Mathur and Dr. B. S. Hansra, Adjunct faculty, ICAR-IARI, and Dr. Malvika Dadlani, Former Joint Director (Research), IARI and Honorary Research Fellow, Bioversity International, Sub-Regional Office for South Asia, New Delhi, Dr. V. P. Chahal, ADG (Agril. Extn.), Dr. M. L. Jat, Senior Cropping System Agronomist, CIMMYT, Dr. Rita Patnaik, Deputy Director, NIPCCD, Mr. Amitava Bhattacharyya, Senior Manager, Govt. Advisory Agriculture, Gurgaon, Dr. Aliza Pradhan, Dr. Prashant Deokar, Dr. Akshya Panda, Coordinators, Farming System for Nutrition (FSN) study under LANSA, MSSRF, Chennai, HoDs and Scientists, working in nutrition security, from related disciplines of ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, ICAR- National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NIAP), New Delhi, Delhi, ICAR- National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, ICAR- Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Karnal, Lady Irwin College, Delhi University, New Delhi, 15 participants of CAFT training representing different KVKs, SAUs and ICAR institutes from 8 states spread across the country and private & public institutes’ representatives were present at this event.

The workshop started with setting the context by Dr. Premlata Singh. This workshop had three Open House Discussions. The first session was on **Agri-led Nutrition (Technological Options)**, moderated by Dr.H.S.Gupta, and the second one was on **Nutri-Agri Pathways: Research priorities**, moderated by Dr.Prema Ramachandran. And the last session was on

**Extension Strategies and Policies for Agri-Nutri synergetic Convergence**, which was moderated by Dr.P.N.Mathur and Dr.Malavika Dadlani. In this a very effective discussion took place on the table, where on all the dignitaries, speakers and other participants (stakeholders) were equally involved.

The workshop was focused on building better strategies, strengthening the policies, promotion of nutrition driven technologies in agriculture, traditional crops, conventional foods and also minimally processed food consumption, strengthening of markets for local crops and location based extension strategy to build better chances of nutrition linkages, coordination of agriculture and nutrition scientists, need for nutrition revolution in agriculture in a convergent mode and making the platform beneficial for the farmers.

The valedictory address was given by Dr.P.N.Mathur, Former DDG (Extn.) & Former JD (Extn.). The workshop ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Satyapriya, Principal Scientist, Division of Agricultural Extension, ICAR-IARI.

### Glimpses of workshop



