

Review Workshop of National Extension Programme (NEP) held on 6th May 2017

A workshop of Nodal Officers under National Extension Programme of IARI in collaboration with ICAR Institutes/SAUs to discuss the progress and the future plan of work was held on 6th May 2017 under the chairmanship of Dr. J.P. Sharma, Joint Director (Extension), IARI. At the outset Dr. B. K. Singh, Head, CATAT, welcomed the Dr. J. P. Sharma, Joint Director (Ext), Dr. K.V. Prabhu, Joint Director (Research) and all the NEP partners specially the new partners who joined the workshop for the first time. He informed that total 761 hectare area was sown under kharif-2016 (388 hectare) with 6 crops and 9 varieties and Rabi 2016-17 (373 hectare) with 7 crops and 18 varieties in 373 demonstrations. NEP partners delivered their progress through presentations after which various issues were discussed for the improvement of the program. Apart from NEP partner, a progressive farmer, Mr. Kunal Gehlot (N.G. Ranga and IARI Fellow Farmer Awardee) also attended the workshop and shared his experiences.

Dr. J. P. Sharma, Joint Director (Ext) congratulated everyone for a very productive workshop. He suggested to look into variations of results as this program covers almost all parts of country. He also suggested that all partners should document successful location specific technologies with all the details and make it two way collaborative efforts. These findings may be presented at a bigger platform before officials and Vice Chancellors of SAUs of different states for inclusion in the Package of Practices of the respective states. He also mentioned the doubling of farmers' income and the emphasized the things to do for its successful implementation.

NEP partners presented their achievements of 2016-17, worked out the program for next *Rabi & Kharif* season and came up with fresh suggestions. It was decided that the partner institutes may adopt their own villages to develop them as model seed villages, link farmers with the market and share their success stories and farmer led innovations and publicise them with a digital newsletter. The partners, after the program discussed the modalities to make the model broad based and sustainable.



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