

Village Knowledge Center Developed at Model Village : Rajpur district **Aligarh**

A village knowledge resource center has been established in village Rajpur, block Khair, district Aligarh as part of the in-house model village project of the CATAT. The knowledge center has been created with the primary objective that the farmers in the project village may access information and knowledge in their own village about the Agriculture and allied fields. They may keep themselves abreast of the latest agriculture know-how, the improved agriculture technologies, emerging potential enterprises, development schemes and subsidies, entrepreneurship development, climate changes and their impact and adaptability, food processing and value addition, marketing of produce etc. The knowledge center in the village is located at the farm house of the ex Pradhan, village Rajpur, Sri Jagat Singh, a progressive farmer and recipient of the 'IARI Innovative Farmers Award' conferred during Krishi Unnati Mela 2017. The knowledge resource center is well equipped with farm library having a good collection of farm friendly literature, booklets, leaflets, journals, magazines, periodicals dealing on various aspects of Agriculture, horticulture animal husbandry etc. All the reading materials have been provided in hindi language for better comprehension among the local community. Besides, two wall magazines, one on Wheat (Vartman Krishi Karyamala: Gehu) and another on Mustard (Vartman Krishi Karyamala: Sarso) having complete advisory on the relevant farm practices were designed and displayed at the center. Pusa Krishi Panchang 2017, an Agriculture Calendar showing month wise important Agricultural operations in field crops (cereals, pulses, oilseeds), vegetables and fruits besides, important Agriculture development schemes of the Government of India, have been displayed at the knowledge center for the benefit of the village community.

A Farmer Friendly Handbook for Schemes & Programmes 2017-18 giving a detailed information about the on-going schemes were put up at the center so that farmers may become aware about the various schemes and avail of the benefits. Krishi Aayam: Jigyasa aur Samadhan, a farmer friendly handbook on day to day problems in Agriculture along with their relevant solutions have been displayed at the center. The center is also utilized for organizing training programmes, kisan gosthis and scientist-farmers interaction meetings on a regular basis. Around 100 farmers from the village have been linked with mobile SMS services for regularly communicating Agro-advisory from the Institute.