

## Fourth ZPMC Meeting of Farmer FIRST Programme Organized

Kolkata, 28 April 2018: The Fourth Zonal Programme Management Committee (ZPMC) Meeting of Farmer FIRST Programme for eight institutes from Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha state under ICAR-ATARI Kolkata and Patna was held in the Conference Hall of ICAR-ATARI Kolkata today under the Chairmanship of Dr. V. P. Chahal, ADG (AE), ICAR, New Delhi to review the progress during the year 2017-18 and to finalize the Action Plan for the next two years considering the Doubling Farmers Income against the benchmark of 2016-17. Among other dignitaries, Dr. S.K. Roy, In-Charge, Director, ICAR-ATARI Kolkata; Expert Members of ZPMC, i.e., Dr. R. K. Malik and Dr. A. N. Tiwari, and Progressive Farmer Member of ZPMC, i.e., Mr. Dipak Mondal from Nadia, West Bengal were present. The meeting was also attended by Scientists of ICAR-ATARI Kolkata and Patna, PIs /Co-PIs of concerned Institutes of Zone IV and Zone V and other staff members of ATARI Kolkata.

In his Chairman's remark, Dr. V. P. Chahal expressed that the national thrust on Doubling Farmers' Income should also be reflected in the achievements as well as future action plan of this programme. The progress of all the eight projects submitted by 5 ICAR institute and 3 SAUs of both the zones was critically reviewed in addition to fine tuning of the future Action Plan (2018-2020) during the workshop.

A specially developed brochure on Farmers FIRST project by ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar was released during the occasion.

Earlier, Dr. S. K. Roy welcomed the dignitaries and delegates, and highlighted the importance of the workshop followed by a brief account the programme status by the Member Secretary, FFP at ICAR-ATARI Kolkata, Dr. K.S. Das.

The meeting ended with formal vote of thanks.

