

Review Workshop of Farmer FIRST Programme (FFP) under ATARI Kolkata Organized

One online review workshop of Farmer FIRST Programme (FFP) pertaining to three ICAR Institutes and one SAU from Odisha state under ICAR-ATARI Kolkata was conducted at ICAR-ATARI Kolkata on 12.01.2022 at 10.30 AM under the Chairmanship of Dr. V. P. Chahal, ADG (AE), New Delhi to review the physical and financial progress during the year 2020-21. The Director and Chairman of Zonal Programme Management Committee (ZPMC) of FFP, ICAR-ATARI Kolkata and Prof. P. Mishra, Dean of Extension Education, OUAT, Bhubaneswar and Chief Guest of the meeting were present. The meeting was also attended by Dr. K. S. Das, Member-Secretary, ZPMC of FFP, ICAR-ATARI Kolkata; Pr. Scientists from ICAR-ATARI Kolkata viz. Dr. P. P. Pal and Dr. S. K. Mondal; four Principal Investigators (PIs)-Dr. S. K. Mishra, Pr. Scientist from ICAR-NRRI, Cuttack; Dr. H. K. De, Pr. Scientist from ICAR-CIFA; Dr. D. Sethi, Sr. Scientist from ICAR-IIWM and Dr. P. Tripathi, Professor from OUAT; and SRFs from each concerned Institutes.

In his welcome address, Dr. S. K. Roy pointed out the importance of the projects, its fund allotment, release and utilization. He urged about the approval of new ZPMC members for this zone, re-selection of villages and selection of villages considering the distance from the implementing centre. Dr. K. S. Das briefed the overview of FFP during the year 2020-21. Prof. P. Mishra requested to the PIs to develop model FFP villages in the district. He also appreciated the efforts of FFP team of different centres for continuing their programme under COVID-19 Pandemic situations. Dr. P. P. Pal and Dr. S. K. Mondal appreciated about the implementation and monitoring the projects.

The PI of all four projects presented their physical and financial progress during the year 2020-21 and Action Plan for the year 2021-22 which were critically reviewed and suggestions were given to the PIs and Co-PIs of the projects to achieve their targets. During the occasion, a short documentary film on FFP by ICAR-CIFA, Bhubaneswar was shown.

Dr. V. P. Chahal, in his Chairman's remark, emphasized to follow the prescribed methodologies mentioned in the guidelines of FFP regarding preparing different modules. and to utilize the fund properly. He cleared the house that any PI/Co-PI can visit other FFP centre(s) across the country for their cross learning and implementing those technologies at their centres. Dr. Chahal also suggested to the PIs/ Co-PIs to prepare separate Action Plan for scaling up of different tested technologies.

The meeting ended with formal vote of thanks by Dr. S. K. Mondal.

