

Interaction of DAESI students at ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata

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ICAR- Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Kolkata organised interactive meeting of Diploma in Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers (DAESI) students here today.

Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata emphasised the need of the DAESI scheme to transform active agricultural input dealers into Para-Extension Professionals and to boost the Agricultural Extension System as well as for reaching the unreached. On successful completion of course, the input dealers will be better positioned to assist farmers in improving their standard of living, he added. Dr. Dey stressed that the knowledge acquired through the DAESI programme will aid in offering farmers real time scientific advice. He hoped that over time DAESI students will serve as ambassador for conservation of soil fertility, efficient use of water and genetic diversity which will further improve farm income with reduced water as well as carbon foot print and uplift the livelihood of the farming community as a whole. He urged DAESI students to keep a list of banned chemicals and to refrain from selling them to the farmers. During deliberation, he highlighted the crucial role played by ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata and KVKs in Zone-V to bridge the identified technological gaps for increasing income of the farmers. The DAESI students were exposed to various aspects of specialty and customized fertilisers as well as best management practices.

A Q&A Session was organised for the benefit of DAESI students in which KVK Heads of Nadia, Hooghly, Howrah and Purba Medinipur actively participated. A total of 80 Agri-Input Dealers along with 2 KVK Staff Members of SSKVK, South 24 Parganas attended the programme.

The meeting ended with formal vote of thanks.

