

Secretary DARE and Director General ICAR inaugurated Farmers' Meet on 'Encouraging Innovation to Adopt Climate Resilient Agriculture'

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Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Hon'ble Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR inaugurated the Farmers' Meet on 'Encouraging Innovation to Adopt Climate Resilient Agriculture' organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kalyan, Purulia, West Bengal, in collaboration with ICAR- ATARI, Kolkata, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru and ICAR-IIAB, Ranchi, in the presence of revered Swami Shivapradananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyapith, Purulia and Swami Vashkarananda (Secretary, Kalyan, Purulia). In his address, Dr. Pathak emphasized the importance of diversification in Agriculture and the potential of horticulture, fisheries, and animal husbandry in enhancing farmers' income. He highlighted the need for adopting modern technologies to combat climate change and improve productivity and sustainability. He stressed upon the need of training of the SMSs in advanced and/ or modern agricultural technologies for further capacity development of the farmers for economic development of the rural areas in the country. Dr. Pathak also released publications and distributed inputs to farmers.

Dr. S.K. Singh, Director, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru delivered an insightful speech focusing on the latest developments and best practices in horticulture. He emphasized on immense prospect in the field of horticulture in the district through promotion of subtropical fruits and vegetable cultivation and need for the importance of market linkages and post-harvest management in ensuring the success of horticultural ventures.

Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata highlighted the importance of working KVKs and district Officials hand in hand to ensure the development of farming faction and enabling them to enhance their income from agriculture and allied sectors. He also dealt with the 'One Health' concept and its linkage with soil and ecosystem health as well as continuum of plant-animal-fish-human-atmosphere in the backdrop of climate change.





Shri Swapan Kumar Bandyopadhyay (President, Kalyan), Dr. Sribas Mishra (Vice-President, Kalyan), Shri ManikDeoghoria (Assistant Secretary, Kalyan, Purulia), M.K. Bhattacharjya, Head, KVK also participated and deliberated in the programme. During the two technical sessions, district Officials of the Government of West Bengal present on the occasion shared their experiences for the improvement of the district. Scientists from ICAR-IIHR-Bengaluru, ICAR-CIFRI-Barrackpore, ICAR-IIAB-Ranchi and ICAR-CISH RS, Malda also deliberated on the occasion.

A Q&A session was organised during allowing farmers to seek clarifications of their queries by the experts present on the occasion. Progressive farmers also shared their experiences and expressed their gratitude for the valuable insights gained and sought continued support in implementing the best practices discussed during the meet. A field visit was also organised where farmers gained knowledge about new technologies from demonstration sites of KVK.

The programme witnessed a participation of 234 farmers, Officials and KVK Staffs.