

Felicitation-cum-Exposure visit of ATL School organised

28th June 2024, Howrah

Felicitation-cum-Exposure visit of Laxmipat Singhania Academy, Alipore, Kolkata, one of the Atal Tinkering Laboratories (ATLs) in schools across India, was jointly organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Howrah (BCKV) and ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Kolkata today.

The student team (Saurjesh Chatterjee, Amol Dalmia, Tanish Kedia, Pratush Bhajoria, Shashwat Dudhwewala, and Vanshika Saraf) clinched the best prize and certified by NITI Aayog for the Seed the Future Entrepreneurs Program in the Rural Ecosystem category at national competition organized by Dassault Systems in Pune. Their project "Swadushya," developed with Dassault Systems and technical backstopping by KVK, Howrah and ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata, aims to extend the shelf life of fruits and vegetables, benefiting farmers and stakeholders.

Chief Guest of the programme, Dr. Pradip Dey, Director of ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata, extolled the virtues of ATLs in fostering flexible workspaces where young minds can innovate and create solutions for India's knowledge economy. Dr. Dey highlighted the project's success as a testament to the involvement of KVK in ATL and its anticipated positive impact on the farming community by the budding entrepreneurs.

Dr. K. Brahmachari, Director of Extension Education at BCKV, suggested looking for indigenous technical knowledge and blending it with modern science.

Dr. Sabyasachi Dhar, Head, Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS), Kolkata highlighted the importance of fostering a culture of quality, safety, and efficiency in India.

Dr. Ramprasad Ghosh, DDA (Admin.), Howrah, Govt. of West Bengal (GoWB) lauded the role of KVK and ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata for mentoring the students and making them as future entrepreneurs.

Shri Dipankar Pal, ATL-in-Charge of the school commended the technological support provided by KVK, Howrah, in consultation with ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata.

Dr. K. Barui, Head, KVK, coordinated the whole programme and delivered welcome address in the inaugural session.



Assistant Directors of Agriculture and Horticulture, GoWB, Deputy Director, BIS and Assistant Director of Extension Education, BCKV also attended the programme.



KVK Instructional Farm visit was organized by Drs. Kaushik Nag, Arka Samanta and Jayanta Mandal for the students. During feedback session, students expressed deep satisfaction about the knowledge gained during the visit of KVK.

A total of 34 students participated in the programme.