

Valedictory programme

Online training on “Innovative Practices in Extension Research and Evaluation” 08-28 September 2020

The valedictory programme of 21 days online training programme on “Innovative Practices in Extension Research and Evaluation” was held on 28 Sept. 2020. This programme was conceptualized to develop the critical abilities of extension professionals to conduct quality research and evaluation. The training programme was conducted in two modules. In the starter module, topics on developing skills required for extension researchers like innovative methodology, use of software, sampling framework, etc. were provided with hands-on exercises to the participants. In the path-finder module, innovative practices on advanced research methods, writing scientific articles, etc. were covered. The participants have demonstrated their learnings through group exercise of concept note writing in potential extension researchable areas. This programme was coordinated by Dr.P.Venkatesan, Dr. Bharat.S.Sontakki, Dr.N.Sivaramane and Dr Surya Rathore and 59 participants from 19 states working at ICAR, SAU, KVK and other institutions have participated.

In his valedictory address, Dr.J.P.Sharma, Vice Chancellor of SKUAST-J has called for the paradigm shift needed in the extension system envisaging beyond production to diversification, commercialization and agripreneurship. Dr.Ch.Srinivasa Rao, Director, in his presidential remarks, gave greater emphasis on extension research to bring desired transformation in Indian agriculture. Dr.S.K.Soam, Joint Director in his remarks, has expressed that this programme has been successful due to the innovative and participatory approaches adopted. The participants have rated the programme with a score of 4.6 out of 5.

