

## **DDG (Agri Extension) Addresses MDP Participants at ICAR-NAARM**

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ICAR-NAARM organized the **VIII MDP for Newly Recruited Senior Scientists & Heads of Krishi Vigyan Kendras** during 31 January to 14 February 2023.

The valedictory session of the programme was held on 14 February 2023. Dr. Udham Singh Gautam, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR was the Chief Guest and Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM presided over. Dr. Sheikh N. Meera, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Zone X, Hyderabad was the Guest of Honour.

Dr. Udham Singh Gautam in his valedictory address appreciated the capacity building role of NAARM in imparting this much needed training to Heads of KVKs. He highlighted the future plans of ICAR in strengthening frontline extension system in general and KVKs in particular. Further, he sought Academy's cooperation in extending capacity building support to the Subject Matter Specialists and other technical staff of KVKs.

In his presidential remarks, Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao highlighted the contributions of the Academy in strengthening frontline extension role of ICAR, besides reassuring the capacity building support of the Academy to the KVK system. He called upon the Heads of KVKs to make best use of various capacity building and academic programmes of the Academy to strengthen their human resource capacity.

Dr. Nagulameera Shaik in his remarks lauded the contributions of KVKs in agricultural development in the country over the years. He urged the participants to make KVKs vibrant, responsive and accountable science-based agri institutions at district level by continuous innovations.

Fifteen newly recruited Heads of KVKs representing seven ATARI Zones participated in this programme. Dr. Bharat S. Sontakki, Principal Scientist and Dr. (Mrs.) Surya Rathore, Head (Acting), Extension Systems Management Division of the Academy were the Programme Directors. XSM division coordinated the programme.

The programme content consisted of modules on Organization and management aspects of KVKs, Communication (Oral and Written) management, Human resource management, Technological content and media management, and Administration and Finance Management as relevant to KVKs.

This programme is jointly planned and implemented by Agricultural Extension Division of ICAR, ICAR-NAARM and ICAR-ATARIs exclusively for the newly recruited Senior Scientists Heads of KVKs. It consists of 3 phases viz., 1<sup>st</sup> Phase of 15 days at ICAR-NAARM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of 10 days at Best KVK in other Zone and 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase of five days at respective ATARIs.

