

## ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata Hosts Third Phase of MDP for KVK Heads of Zone-V

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ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata Hosts third and final Phase of Management Development Programme (MDP) for five newly recruited Senior Scientists and Heads of KVKs of Zone-V. The entire program, consisting of three phases was jointly planned and implemented by the Agricultural Extension Division of ICAR, ICAR-NAARM, and ICAR-ATARI exclusively for the newly recruited Senior Scientist Heads of KVKs. Three Senior Scientists and Heads from Odisha and two from West Bengal participated in the final Phase of the training.



The trainees delved into the organization and management aspects of ATARI, 100-day as well as five-year targets for KVKs, information/knowledge management and the management of Central sector schemes. They completed assignments related to promoting the "One District, One Product" initiative for their respective districts and contribution of their own discipline in their respective district. They also developed a joint project concerning honey bees for potential funding through the National Bee Board. As part of their project formulation, they visited KVK, Nimpith, in South 24 Parganas, where the All India Coordinated Research Project on Honey Bees and Pollinators (AICRP-HBP) is actively in operation.

The valedictory session of the third and final phase of this MDP was held on 27 July, 2024, at ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata. Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata, while delivering presidential address during valedictory function, highlighted need for KVKs to serve as district agri-tech epicentre and ensure the dissemination of technologies which are nature, gender, and environment-friendly to accomplish the aspirations of the Nation by 2047.

Special Guests of valedictory function Dr. K.K. Gangopadhyay, Principal Scientist, Division of Vegetable Science, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi and Dr. Krishnendu Ghorai, former Deputy Director Horticulture, Govt. of West Bengal, underscored the pivotal role of KVKs in fostering agri-preneurship through the value addition of horticultural crops.

Dr. P.P. Pal, Principal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata coordinated the programme. Entire faculty of ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata participated in imparting training.