

## **Minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Srinagar**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Srinagar was held at KVK campus on 11.04.2019 under chairmanship of Prof. Mushtaq Ahmad, Director Extension, SKUAST-Kashmir. The Associate Director Extension Prof. Sheikh Muzaffar Ahmad, Prof. Amal Sexana (Associate Director Coordination cell KVK's) Officers of line departments, CITH and progressive farmers attended the meeting

- At the outset of the meeting, the chairman interacted with the officers of the line department, CITH, progressive farmers and impressed upon the programme coordinator to take on board the officers of line department and progressive farmers while formulating action plan and took feedback/ suggestions to strengthen and make activities result oriented.
- The programme coordinator presented the action taken report of 14<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting, Annual progress report of 2018-2019 and annual action plan of 2019-2020.
- The house released various publications of KVK on vegetables, value addition and vermicomposting. The worthy Director directed that publications/pamphlets should be in Urdu so that farmers can easily understand the message.
- The chairman heard the suggestions from the stakeholders and enquired about interventions of OFT's and FLD's. While discussing the OFT on fruit drop chairman directed SMS Fruit Science to repeat the OFT, see the causes of fruit drop and also report about the role of pollinizers and pollinators in pre harvest fruit drop. The worthy Director also directed SMS Plant Protection to repeat the OFT on cut worm in chilli considering the farmers practice of flooding (irrigation) for the control of the pest.
- The house while expressing concern over the cost benefit ratio asked to take up economy friendly expenditure for cultivation of different crops and suggested that for efficient use of nutrients the fertilizer application in FLD's should be done on basis of soil test report.
- While discussing the progress of KVK the worthy Director directed to cover all the tehsils and divide 137 villages of the district into 10-20 clusters for different activities and target should be according to the particular area keeping in mind two main activities of KVK i.e., establishment of integrated farming systems to increase income of farmers.
- Worthy Director extension directed SMS home science to focus on woman empowerment in sharikhas through revival of handicrafts, cutting tailoring and suggested that value addition of fruits and vegetables should be such that the nutrients should be enriched during drying, with regard to facilitate the willow wicker making the house directed to

provide the training of locally made materials and make arrangements for sale in local market.

- The house sought information about the impact of horizontal spread of different crops and directed to take off season cultivation of pea variety PB-89. The house was of opinion to increase kitchen gardening and collect the soil samples for better crop production in the city.
- Worthy Director Extension directed programme coordinator that pot culture should do in floriculture for bulb and cut flower production.
- The house while discussing the minimizing the use of agro chemicals for control of different diseases and pests impressed upon to use organic materials which is the need of the hour to save our environment.
- The chairman directed to lay FLD on maize in Gund Hassi Bhat area of the district using high yielding varieties and directed to replace subzar seed variety of oats with SKO-90. Seed of the high yielding varieties of different crops for FLD's may be procured from the concern divisions well in time and directed to involve line departments in all activities particularly in FLD's and OFT's.
- The house suggested that there should be at least three farmers producing organization (FPO's) in the district.
- While taking suggestions from the progressive farmers, the house felt to aware the farmers regarding newly developed technologies like hydroponic cultivation of vegetables. The chairman directed to concentrate on peri-urban horticulture activities and have vertical expansion particularly in kitchen gardens and provide awareness on organic vegetables/ floriculture.
- While discussing the IFS, the house desired to purchase a hatchery for 1500 bird capacity and lay FLD on the same.

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