

Workshop on “Development of Road Map for Agriculture in Gujarat Plains and Hills Region” organised

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One-day workshop on “Development of Road map for Agriculture in Gujarat Plains and Hills region” was held at ICAR-Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research (ICAR-DMAPR), Anand, Gujarat here today.



Workshop was inaugurated by Dr. A.K. Sikka, Deputy Director General (Natural Resources Management) in the presence of Dr. A.R. Pathak, Vice Chancellor, Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh, Dr. N.C. Patel, Vice Chancellor, Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Prof. M.C. Varshneya, Vice Chancellor, Kamadhenu University, Gandhinagar, Dr. Shiva Prasad Kimothi, Additional Director General (Coordination), ICAR, Dr. P.P. Rohilla, Director (Acting), ATARI Zone-VI and Dr. Jitendra Kumar, Director, ICAR-DMAPR, Anand.

Dr. Jitendra kumar, Director, in his welcome address emphasized need for integration of medicinal and aromatic plants (MAP) in farming systems especially in hilly/tribal areas of Gujarat. He also emphasised that the diversification of MAP crops in different cropping systems, problematic soils and wild animal (wild pig, nilgai, rabbit) affected areas.



Dr. P.P. Rohilla, Director (Acting), ATARI Zone-VI narrated the role of KVKs for farmer’s social upliftment in this agro climatic zone.



Dr. Shiva Prasad Kimothi, Additional Director General (Coordination), said that there is need for development of producers’ organizations involving cluster of farmers to address the marketing problems. Dr. A.K. Sikka, Deputy Director General (Natural Resources Management), ICAR chaired the workshop and in his address he emphasized the need for land use diversification in Agriculture and Animal husbandry. He also emphasized need for integration of solar and wind power generation

system for efficient utilization of natural resources and convert city compost into effective organic manure.

Dr. A.R. Pathak, Vice Chancellor, Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh and co-chair of the workshop emphasised need for skill development and entrepreneurship development.

Dr. N. C. Patel, Vice Chancellor, Anand Agricultural University, Anand and co-chair of the workshop emphasized need for development of policy on sub surface drainage management in salinity affected areas of Gujarat. He also said that emphasis should be given to farm mechanization, conservation agriculture and value addition in agriculture

Prof. M. C. Varshneya, Vice Chancellor, Khamadhenu University, Gandhinagar and co-chair of the workshop emphasized need for *Dangi* local cow breed improvement programme.

Nearly 30 farmers from various districts of the plains and hills region of Gujarat participated in

the workshop and placed their specific problems and issues which need attention and solution.

Directors and senior officials from ICAR Institutes in Gujarat, Director of Research and senior officials of Anand Agricultural University, Anand, Navsari Agricultural University, Navsari, Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh, Danthewada Agricultural University, Sardar Krushinagar, KVKs of the Gujarat and Department of Agriculture, Gujarat participated in the workshop and provided their inputs for providing solutions to specific problems of the farmers in the region to develop road map.

A road map for Agriculture in Gujarat Plains and Hills Region will be developed based on the outcome of the workshop which includes technological interventions, extension and demonstration services. Future thrust areas of research and development for the region will also be identified.



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