Technology Week Celebration-2014

(1 to 6 September, 2014)

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, JAU, Nana-Kandhasar (Surendranagar)

The Krishi Vigyan Kendra (Junagadh Agricultural University), Surendranagar celebrates its technology week for kharif 2014, w.e.f. 1st September to 6th September, 2014 at KVK premises in Nana-Kandhasar (Chotila). This year the technology week was celebrated as "Krushi Vikas Varsh 2014-15". In this programme first three days of week celebrated specially for farm women and remaining days of week for Farmers. The programme was inaugurated by Chief Guest of the first day Shri Nathabhai Somabhai Saghani, President BJP, Kisan Morcha-Surendranagar. Dr. R.M. Javia, Programme Coordinator placed the welcome address. On the first day there was lectures delivered by the KVK's Scientist on different aspects of kharif season crops and farm bio-waste management. There was also a crop exhibition cum competition for the farmers KVKs museum hall, 117 farm women from Surendranagar District part in the exhibition cum competition. In the afternoon session the farmers were taken round the KVK farm and the technology unit which KVK has developed to disseminate technology to the farmers. The farmers were given an insight on oilseed, cotton and pulse crops through Technology park developed by KVK. They are also shown the seed production programme of different crops on the KVK farm. The Chief guest in his address advised the farmers to work hard and to take full benefit of the technology /training given to them by KVK. He appreciated the dedication and hard work of whole KVK team and congratulated for conducting impressive technology week on all kinds of Agriculture and allied sector.



On the second day Dr. A.M. Parakhia, Director Extension Education, Junagadh Agricultural University, Junagadh was the Chairman. 135 farm women participated on 2nd September 2014. Dr. R.M. Javia, Programme Coordinator and Dr. B.C. Bochalya gave presentation on KVK. The farm Women were given practical utility of cotton stalks in preparing of good quality of compost for recycling of nutrients. Different lectures were also delivered by KVKs Scientists on Kharif crops and Animal breed improvements. Farm women were also seen the different demonstration units on compost, vermi composting and fodder demonstration under the guidance of Shri H.M. Bhuva. The farmers were also given an insight on Integrated farming by SMSs of KVK. The Chief Guest Dr. A.M. Parakhia with staff visited the KVK Farm and the low cost demonstration units of KVK. The chief guest in his address informed the farm women about her important roll in family and farm. He said that the organic farming is good for health and environment. So this type of technology week is a big boon to the farmers. He also said that he is always ready to render any type of help to the farmers. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Shri H.M. Bhuva (SMS Agronomy).



On the third day Shri Bharatbhai, Progressive Farmer (Best ATMA farmer awarded) was the guest. The participants were 140 farm women. The farm women took keen interest in participatory discussion. Mr. H.M. Bhuva (SMS, Agronomy) and Mr. Bhoraniya (SMS, Plant Protection) gave presentation on Kharif crop production technologies & IPM. The programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr. M.M. Tajapara (SMS-Animal Science).



The 4thDay's Chief Guest was Dr. K.N. Akabari, Associate Director Research & Research Scientist (DFRS); Dr. B.B. Kabariya, Programme Coordinator (KVK-Rajkot) and Shri P.D. Gosai, Duputy Director of Agriculture (Extension), Surendranagar. Dr. Akbari focus on soil health management practice and importance of Soil testing in his guest lectures. Dr. Kabariya attract the attention of farmers on 13 key area of management to enhance the cotton production. and Shri P.D. Gosai highlighted the need of farmers and their emerging issues of the District. Shri Gosai also explained the details about Self Help Groups, Farmers clubs and FIGs in ATMA and requested them to form in to FIG groups to avail the facility of ATMA programme. KVK scientists gave presentation on all the kharif crops & green house technology. Later the farmers were taken round the farm to see integrated farming, cropping pattern, after that there was a feed back session. The Chief Guest in his address said that KVK is doing lots of work for the farmers. Dr. M.M. Tajpara in his vote of thanks thanked the chief guest for his guidance and help. He thanked the whole team of ATMA for their endeavor towards developmental programmes for the farmers of Surendranagar, and farmers for their active participation.





Shri Chandra Singh Samat Singh Solanki, Progressive & ATMA awarded Farmers was the guest on the 5th day. The farmers were given an insight on Kharif crops and other Government Schemes by the scientists of KVK. The farmers were taken to the KVK farm to show the cultivation practice of Kharif crops. The participants were shown the new varieties of crops adopted by KVK and different trials conducted by the Kendra and refinement done in different technologies.



The programme concluded on the 6th Day, with the experience shearing by the progressive farmers. The farmers demonstrated their rural innovations also. There was an interaction of farmers with all the faculty of KVK.

However total 392 farm women and 327 practicing farmers participated in *Kharif* technology week on $1^{\rm st}$ to $6^{\rm th}$ September, 2014 at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, JAU, Nana-kandhasar (Surendranagar).