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Workshop-cum-Training for KVKs of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Karnataka on CSISA Landscape Diagnostic Survey in Pulse Crops

A three-day Workshop-cum-Training for KVKs of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Karnataka on CSISA Landscape Diagnostic Survey (LDS) in Pulse Crops was organized at ICAR - Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Zone-X Hyderabad during 21-23rd, October 2024.

Dr. RK Malik, India Country Coordinator, CIMMYT detailed about Cereal Systems Initiative for South Asia (CSISA), LDS process in pulses and its importance in providing demand-driven and evidence-based feedback to research, extension and policy makers. Strategies for implementing the programme through KVKs was discussed.

The programme provided orientation to the KVKs for the upcoming CSISA- Pulses landscape diagnostic survey (LDS) Plan in Zone-VIII, Zone-X and Zone-XI during 2024. The participants learned about LDS process in pulse crops, use of Open Data Kit (ODK), an Android-based mobile data collection tool that increases the speed, efficiency and quality of data collection in the field which enables faster data analysis and visualization. A village visit was organized for giving hands on training on ODK tool in data collection in the pulse farmers' fields.

While inaugurating the programme, Dr. Shaik N. Meera, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad emphasized the importance of landscape diagnostic survey data in giving evidence-based feedback to the research system by the KVKs and the importance of data on KVK interventions in showcasing their impact.

The Chief Guest for the inaugural session, Dr. S. Prabhu Kumar, Former Director, ICAR-ATARI, Bengaluru stressed on the need for landscape diagnostic survey in decision making in cereal based pulse production systems.

About 40 participants including the subject matter specialists from KVKs, scientists and staff of ATARI attended the programme.

Dr. B. Malathi, Senior Scientist, ICAR-ATARI, Hyderabad coordinated the programme.







