

**ICAR-IVRI organized “Institute-ATARI-KVK Interface Meeting Series 2024#2”  
With the ATARIs & KVKs of Zone IV (Patna), V (Kolkata), VI (Guwahati) and VII  
(Barapani) covering twelve states and one union territory of the country on 9 May 2024**

ICAR-IVRI has organized second Interface Meet with ATARIs & KVKs on 09.05.2024. The meeting was graced by the Chief Guest Dr. U.S. Gautam, Deputy Director General (Agriculture Extension), ICAR, New Delhi and Guest of Honour Dr. Triveni Dutt, Director & Vice –Chancellor, ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar, Dr. Anjani Kumar, Director ATARI Patna (Zone IV), Dr Pradip De, Director ATARI Kolkata (Zone-V); Dr Kadirvel Govindasamy, Director ATARI Guwahati (Zone VI), Dr A K Mohanty, Director, ATARI Barapani (Zone VII), KVK officials and participants. Dr. Rupasi Tiwari, Joint Director (EE) while welcoming the dignitaries informed that the specific expectations of KVKs from IVRI includes OFT/FLD in the areas of low cost housing, clean milk production, feed production, metabolic disease management, improvements of local genetic resources of pig, poultry & goat, climate resilient housing, milk and meat processing technologies, and package of practices for scientific dairy, pig and poultry farming.

Dr. Triveni Dutt emphasized the need for valuable feedback from the farmers’ field through the ATARIs and KVKs, which can help the scientists to prioritize their research. He stressed that more than 75 package of practices (PoPs) have been developed and urged the KVKs to promote them in OFT/FLD. He also apprised about various educational initiatives taken by the Deemed University IVRI in the form of vocational courses, certificate courses, and online diploma courses which can be utilized for capacity building and knowledge refreshment of the SMSs Animal Science and FPO. Dr Dutt also advocated the adoption of 64 ICT tools developed by ICAR-IVRI on the various aspects of animal husbandry. He informed these ICT tools are already being used by more than 4 lakh people in 134 countries. He opined that Institute will be undertaking the collaborative research and TSP/SCSP activities with ATARIs/KVKs in the identified areas and assured to extend the help in capacity building.

DDG (Agriculture Education), Dr U.S. Gautam in his presidential remark expressed that the close liaison with IVRI will help in the quick transfer of technologies for farmers. He appreciated the initiatives by IVRI in bringing together the ATARIs and KVKs on a single platform. He suggested that directors of ATARI may come up with pertinent researchable issues in consultation with the ICAR-IVRI for livestock based extension services as 30 percent of the activities of KVK are now mandated to be based on animal sciences. He further stressed for the improvement in the infrastructure of livestock demonstration units at the KVKs. He stressed that KVK should work for creating more FPOs in Animal Husbandry sector.

In technical session-I, the detailed deliberations were made on the Technology Portfolio of the Institute, PoP on Reproductive Health Management, Balanced Diet and Nutritional Requirements and Management of Livestocks. All the Directors of ATARIs have given their remarks in this session. Session I was followed by a detailed panel discussion with KVK officials and experts from IVRI. The major key point emerged during discussion were the need for capacity development of SMSs, scientific validation of ITKs, development of housing system for hilly terrains, and requirement of low-cost feed technologies etc.

A total 223 participants from KVKs from 12 states (Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, West Bengal, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Manipur, Tripura, Nagaland, Mizoram, and

Meghalaya), 1 UT (Andman & Nicobar), ATARIs and officials of ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar have participated in this meeting.

