

Workshop of AICRP on Farm Implements and Machinery held at MPKV, Rahuri

The 33rd Workshop of AICRP on Farm Implements and Machinery, which aims to provide a platform for interaction amongst researchers, tractor and farm machinery manufacturers and policy makers was held at MPKV, Rahuri during January 8-10, 2019. The meeting was attended by around 75 participants from Research & Development organisations from different SAUs and ICAR institutes, farm machinery manufacturers etc. The inaugural session of the workshop was held on January 9, 2019 under the chairmanship of Dr. Kanchan Kumar Singh, Assistant Director General (F. Engg.), ICAR and Dr. KP Vishwanatha, Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri was the Chief Guest. Dr. KK Singh, Director, ICAR-CIAE, Bhopal and Dr. V M Mayande, Ex Vice Chancellor, Dr. PDKV, Akola were the Guests of Honours during the session.



Dr. Dilip Pawar, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Engineering and Associate Dean, Dr. ASCAET, MPKV, Rahuri welcomed the participants to MPKV, Rahuri and highlighted that this is one of the most important AICRP functioning at the university. Dr. SR Gadakh, Director Research, MPKV, Rahuri briefed about the activities of host institute. He stressed the participants role to bridge the mechanisation gaps in the country. Dr. CR Mehta, Project Coordinator, AICRP on FIM presented Project Coordinator's Report on progress of work done by different centres of the scheme. The Farm Machinery Exhibition was also organized at Dr. ASCAET, MPKV, Rahuri.

The "Research Highlights...2018" compiled by Coordinating Cell, one CD on "Khetibadi me Prayukt Hone Wali Urja Kushal Machnery", one technical bulletin, one directory of farm machinery manufacturers, three success stories and three leaflets were also released during the session. Dr. KK Singh, Director, CIAE, Bhopal in his address highlighted the importance of mechanization in present context and asked the PIs of the project to accelerate their efforts in delivery of technologies. Dr. Kanchan Kumar Singh, ADG (FE), ICAR informed the steps taken by subject matter division to strengthen mechanization related activities and present priorities of ICAR. Dr. KP Vishwanatha, Vice Chancellor, MPKV, Rahuri in his inaugural address emphasized the need of joining hands with scientists of other sister disciplines to deliver sustainable mechanization solution. He also stressed the need of promoting small tools and equipment to fulfill the immediate need of farm families.



The progress reports under Research & Development (R&D), Prototype Manufacturing Workshop (PMW), Prototype Feasibility Testing (PFT) and Front Line Demonstration (FLD) activities under the scheme were presented by 25 centres of scheme in the Technical Sessions – I and II held at MPKV, Rahuri during January 8-10, 2019. The deliberations during the technical sessions were guided by Dr. C. Divaker Durairaj, Former Dean, Agricultural Engineering College and Research Institute, TNAU, Coimbatore. In these technical sessions, the new technical programmes to be taken up under R&D, PMW, PFT and FLD during 2019-20 were also presented by 25 centres of AICRP on FIM and finalized.