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**Farmers FIRST - A mega project of ICAR, Dehradun**

Dehradun, 6 November, 2017. Four day program on “Methodological Framework for Implementation of FFP” was concluded at Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Dehradun on 9 November, 2017. During the workshop, methodological framework of agriculture research on farmer’s field in participatory mode was discussed. The project aims at including



farmer’s concerns and ideas in technology development and its refinement, so that suitability of technology in a given agro-ecology and its sustainability in the longer run could be ensured.

This mega project is running at 52 centres (ICAR Institutes and State Agricultural Universities) in all over the country under the supervision of ICAR, New Delhi. The program was organized by National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad and hosted by Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Dehradun. Dr P K Mishra, Director, ICAR-IISWC appreciated the organizers for the meticulously planned workshop and emphasized on the importance of Farmers FIRST program of ICAR which could serve as an important tool in the agenda of “doubling of farmers income” based on actual field results. Dr P Venkatesan from NAARM, Hyderabad who was the key coordinator of the program appreciated the participants for the work being done at different Institutes and highlighted the importance of showcasing the results in form of brochures, newsletters, media and focused on the importance of the FFP portal which would be a common sharing platform for the entire Farmers FIRST community. Training program was appreciated by the participants who found it a good learning experience. Dr Bankey



Bihari, Head, HRD and SS and his entire team received accolades for their relentless support and work for organizing the event.

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