

## **Second General Meeting of Farmer-Scientist Forum**

As per the directives of Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. PDKV, Akola, and as per the guidance of Hon. DEE, Dr.PDKV Akola, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hiwara- Gondia had formed Farmer-Scientist Forum with motto of transferring the recommended technologies of the university, other SAUs and Research stations as per the needs and requirement of the farmers, which will help the farmers in terms of increasing Production and productivity.

Second general meeting of Farmer-Scientist Forum have been conducted on dated 22.12.2022 at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hiwara-Gondia at 12.00 am under the Chairmanship of Dr. Shakir Ali Syed, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK, Hiwara.

On the dais Mr. Mahendra Thakur, Chairman, Farmer-Scientist Forum, Mr. Pravinkumar Chaudhary, Co-chairman, Farmer-Scientist Forum and Mr. Vishal Ubarhande SMS (Agril Engg) were present.

The topic of today's meeting is on PMFME Scheme and Natural Farming.

In introductory remark, Dr. Syed Shakir Ali Senior Scientist and Head, highlighted about both the topics i.e. PMFME Scheme and Natural Farming gave information about Farmers- Scientist Forum.

Mr. Vishal Ubarhande SMS (Agril Engg) gave detail information about PMFME scheme implementation and its process of registration.

Mr. Suresh Bhole Progressive Farmer in Natural Farming briefed about Natural farming and its implementation on Farmers field while

Mr. Tukaram Bohare highlighted how to market products produced by using Natural Farming.

Mr. Pravinkumar Chaudhary, Co-chairman, Farmer-Scientist Forum briefed about role of Farmer-Scientist Forum and told the farmers to study about demand and supply and accordingly do the farmers by taking various crop.

Mr. Shaurya Bhimte Non Progressive Farmer gave information about Chia Seed Production and suggested the forum to go for this crop in Rabi and he will take care of marketing.

Mr. Sandeep Agrawal Progressive Farmer informed about Medicinal Plants and highlighted Natural Farming.

Mr. Sandeep Vanjari Non progressive farmers shared his ideas and assured all that he will take responsibility of marketing.

Mr. Chaudhari from Kati village shows Red Rice sample of Variety PDKV Sakoli RR-1 to the Forum and immediately he got order for 2 quintal Red Rice.

**Mr. Mahendra Thakur, Chairman, Farmer-Scientist Forum mentioned various points in his speech.**

**And as per discussion it is decided that the Farmer-Scientist Forum meeting will on every 2nd Wednesday of the month. The venue and topic will change accordingly as per demand. He suggested all the members to write down all the points and prepare the proceedings so that ever issue raised by the members can be solved in short period.**

**Anchoring was done by Dr. Syed Shakir Ali and vote of thanks was given by Mr. Mahindra Thakur. In all, 27 farmers and Scientist of KVK were present and made event successful.**

