

10th Farmer-Scientist Forum Meeting.

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Hiwara- Gondia organised 10th Farmer-Scientist Forum Meeting at Bohare Organic Farm, Gandhitola, Tal. Salekasa, Dist. Gondia on 21.09.2023.

The programme was inaugurated by Mr. D. L. Tumdam, TAO, Salekasa in presence of Mr. Mahendra Thakur, Chairman, Farmer-Scientist Forum, Mr. Pravin Chaudhary, Co-chairman, Mr. Nandu Wankhede, Circle Agriculture Officer, Dr. Shakir Ali Syed, Senior Scientist and Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gondia, Dr. Vijaykumar Kore, SMS (Hort), Mr. G.R. Khedikar, PA (Lab.) and Tukaram Bohare, Progressive Farmer.

In introductory remark, Dr. Vijaykumar Kore, SMS (Hort) briefed about the program. He mentioned the objectives and mandates of FSF. He also discussed about how KVK is helping farmers regarding cultivation, production and export of agricultural produce. He gave lecture on natural and organic farming and also about cultivation of different horticultural crops.

Mr. D. L. Tumdam, TAO, Salekasa shared his thoughts about the programme. He requested farmers to use innovative technologies developed by different research organisations to double the income and different schemes run by State department.

Mr. Nandu Wankhede, Circle Agriculture Officer gave remarks about the programme. He talked about different schemes, their benefits to the farmers.

Mr. G.R. Khedikar, PA (Lab) gave a lecture on Importance of Soil, Soil sampling and nutrient management in various crops. He requested to farmers about soil sampling.

Progressive farmers Mr. Ghanshyam Katare, Mr. Suresh Bohare, Mr. Brahmankar, and Mr. Tukaram Bohare also shared their thoughts about Farmer Scientist Forum and Krishi Vigyan Kendra. They all appreciate the work done by KVK through Farmer Scientist Forum. They talked about natural and organic farming, it's importance and benefits.

Mr. Pravin Chaudhary, Co-chairman of the Programme shared his experience with farmers on various subjects like working of KVK, benefits and importance of farmer scientists forum, cultivation practices of different crops, export of farm produce etc. He also appreciate the working way of KVK Gondia to betterment of the farmers. He mainly focused on marketing of agriculture produce.

Dr. Shakir Ali Syed, Senior Scientist and Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gondia briefed so many things in his speech. He mentioned so many examples of how agriculture is profitable to the farmers. He also discussed about how KVK is helping farmers regarding cultivation, production and export of agricultural produce. He also requested farmers to adopt crop

diversification with Oilseeds, Pulses and other crops. He noted how to overcome the difficulties faced by farmers and how to do complementary business, agriculture and how to produce maximum crops with minimum inputs in his speech.

Mahendra Thakur, Chairman, Farmer-Scientist Forum talked about objectives of forum. He gave various examples of FPOs and self help group working on agriculture sector. He mentioned the importance of fruits and vegetables in human nutrition.

Farmers also gave their feedback about the programme. After technical sessions, a field visit was organised.

Anchoring was done by Dr. Vijaykumar Kore, SMS (Hort.) and vote of thanks was given by Mr. G.R. Khedikar, PA (Lab). In all, 52 farmers, members of Farmer-Scientist Forum, entrepreneurs, FPO members and officers from ATMA were present to made programme successful.

