

# **Senior Scientist & Head Message**

Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Narmada is a frontline agricultural extension centre established by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) New Delhi, affiliated with Navsari Agricultural University Navsari. The Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Narmada is located at Dediapada taluka which is approx. 45 km away from district headquarter Rajpipla, Narmada. The District is situated in the eastern corner of Gujarat state and it is a tribal dominated district. It shares border with the states of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh. Sardar Sarovar Project, Karajan Irrigation project, Kakadi Amba and Chopadvav projects are some of the important irrigation projects in the District. Narmada district is an important tourist destination in Gujarat. An iconic 182 Meters Statue (Statue of Unity) that's a tribute to Shri. Sardar Vallabhai Patel is being built at the Sadhu-Bet Island, approximately 3.5 kms south of Sardar Sarovar Dam at Kevadia.

KVK Narmada has been provided with a team of multi-disciplinary enthusiastic scientists for taking up the activities of a KVK. The emphasis is given to provide critical skills so that the farmers /farm women may confidently use on their farms to increase agricultural productivity and also become economically self-reliant through gainful self-employment. As we all know women make important contributions to the agricultural and rural economies of all regions of the India. Women are bearing the brunt of longer hours of work. Women's involvement with more drudgery inducing, time consuming activities have led to gender role stereotyping of such tasks, which further subject's women to longer work hours with lesser output and more misery. We may call this as "feminization of drudgery". The KVK has tried to reduce the drudgery by disseminating ICAR & SAUs technologies released from time to time to make women comfortable through establishment of "On reach tool center" at village level.

Last but not the least I must thank to Director ATARI Zone VIII, Pune and Vice chancellor NAU, Navsari for his constant inspiration to keeping the status of KVKs sky-scraping by his tireless efforts for bringing the KVK into Frontline extension system.

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