

## **REPORT ON Orientation Programme for Amrit Interns (ICRO)**

The Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Lokbharti University for Rural Innovation, Sanosara had organized a one day Orientation programme for Amrit Interns of Bhavnagar district on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 at the Lokbharti Campus, Sanosara. A total of 55 interns (students of Bachelor of Vocation) participated in the programme.

In inaugural session, Mr. V. B. Savani, Farm Manager, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Sanosara welcomed the dignitaries and Participants. The programme was inaugurated with lightning the lamp by the dignitaries of this programme. The crucial introductory remark about the project was given by Dr. N. P. Shukla, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK – Bhavnagar. He also narrated step by step activities to be carried out by the interns during the entire internship programme. Mrs. Malathi Sarin, Mentor, ICRO, New Delhi joined virtually and addressed the interns about the ICRO activities in the past years, objectives of organization, expectations out of the internship programme and value of data to be collected from the farmers by the Interns. Mr. V. D. Choudhary, Dy. Manager (Mkt), IPL, Ahmedabad also informed the gathering virtually about the working of IPL in the field of agriculture and assured about support any stage of the programme. Mr. R. V. Singh, Chief Manager, IPL, Ahmedabad delivered his speed virtually and encouraged all the interns to carry out the work and offered support from his branch for any field activity. Dr. U. S. Teotia, Chief Manager, IPL, New Delhi had given ideas regarding futures of Agriculture in upcoming era through virtual mode. Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, Director, ICRO, New provided information of sectors in which ICRO is working via virtual mode. The vice Chancellor of Lokbharti University, Sanosara Dr. Bhadrayu Vachhrajani delivered his incredible remarks to the interns of this project for batter field exposure and to develop a understanding for the problems faced by the farmers of the district. Dr. A. M. Dave, Managing Trustee, Lokbharti Gramvidyapith Trust, Sanosara, in his inaugural speech, sensitized the interns to develop a better understanding and sensitivity for the farming community and emphasized that a better future for the society can only be created by reaching the unreached. At the end of the inaugural session, Dr. Upasna Patel, Assistant Professor, Lokbharti University concluded the event with a vote of thanks.

After inaugural session, the first technical session was conducted. The District Agriculture Officer – Bhavnagar Mr. A. M. Patel discussed the State Gov. schemes under Agriculture Department for the farmers for sustainable agriculture development in district. He also discussed about constrains faced by the farmers and its possible solutions. The Deputy

Director of Horticulture, Mr. M. B. Vaghamsi informed participants about the various schemes of Horticulture department. He also discussed the role of horticultural crops in integrated farming system. The District Development Manager, NABARD - Bhavnagar Mr. Deepakbhai Khallas provided information on provision of credit and financial facilities of NABARD and banks available for farmers and its benefits to the farmers. The Project Director (ATMA) & Deputy Director of Agriculture (Training) Mr. J. N. Parmar gave information on ATMA project and its convergence with KVK – Bhavnagar. He also motivated interns for scope of organic farming in India. The 1<sup>st</sup> technical session was ended with open discussion organized to solve the quires of interns.

In the second technical session, the computer programmer of KVK, Mr. P. M. Mehta conducted a practical demonstration of online registration of Interns to the ICRO portal and simultaneously the guideline was discussed by Ms. Nidhi Singh, PE, ICRO, virtually. The interns were also informed about procedure for offline registration and rules and regulation of the internship programme by Mr. Virabhai Chavda and Dr. Upasna Patel, Lokbharti University, Sanosara.

Concluding the whole orientation programme, Dr. Rajeev Ranjan, Director, ICRO virtually delivered his valuable remarks and sensitized the interns about the recent updates in the field of agriculture for developing a better understanding about the field condition and encouraged them to complete the field work with a vision to sort out region specific sustainable agricultural development strategies.



**Image: Group photographs of the Interns of this project, Technical Staffs of Krishi Vigyan Kendra – Bhavnagar and Lokbharti University, Sanosara and the officers from the various Line Departments of Bhavnagar.**