



Indian Council of Agricultural Research
PR UNIT

Newspaper/Magazine:

The PIONEER

Date: 29/11/2005

Place of Publication: Delhi/Chandigarh/Faridabad/Meerut/Jaipur/Bangalore/Mumbai/

Krishi Vigyan Kendras facilitate tech transfer from lab to land

Reeta Sharma

Ludhiana

KRISHI VIGYAN Kendras (KVK) are being seen as the harbingers of transfer of technology from lab to land, bringing the Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) literally to the doorstep of progressive farmers in the State.

This sentiment was evident during an interaction between farmers and the Committee on Independent Evaluation and Impact Analysis of KVKs at Langroya (Nawanshehar) and Bahawal (Hoshiarpur) KVKs, established by PAU.

The Committee held detailed discussions on KVKs with University vice-chancellor KS Aulakh and with director of extension education SS Gill on dissemination of information and new agricultural technology for better crop production and rearing livestock. The committee members included Dr KV Raman, Dr SS Acharya and Dr BS Hansra.

Led by former Union agriculture secretary JNL Srivastava, the Committee put searching questions to farmers to assess how useful KVKs are and what more could be done to strengthen them.

Farmers were keen on knowledge on food crop, fruits, vegetables in which value addition could be effected through processing and better marketing. Articulating the aspirations of the farmers, Kartar Singh Sekhon and Mr Mohinder Singh Dosanjh said KVKs have turned a new leaf for women in villages, who are being educated and given tips on better house-keeping and meeting the nutrition requirements of family members.