

## Hon'ble District Collector Rushikesh Modak Visited KVK, Washim



Washim district is predominantly agriculture based and mostly small land holding under rainfed farming condition, hence there is continuous increase in migration of rural youths to urban areas. Thus realizing importance of youths in agriculture development and to retain rural youths in agriculture, there is need to make agriculture more profitable and remunerative. ICAR has initiated ARYA Programme basically to attract and retain youths and on this line training programmes are to be conducted by KVK, Washim in the location specific areas like fish farming poultry farming, fruits and vegetable processing and nursery management.

Hon'ble District Collector Rushikesh Modak, (IAS) visited KVK, Washim and inaugurated training programme on 14 August 2019 under ARYA programme. Tahsildar Risod R.U.Suradkar, Dr.R.L.Kale Senior Scientist cum Head, Trainer N.B.Patil, Dr.D.L.Ramteke, Shubhangi Watane were present during the event.



Speaking on the occasion Shri.Modak stressed the importance of skill based training in the field of agriculture as entire economy of the district is farming based with more number of farmers are having marginal land holding. He also underline that district administration will provide necessary support for bank and market linkage related issue to upcoming rural youths. He further stated that good activities in agriculture are seen in the field of organic farming, use of bio fertilizer, custard apple cultivation and FPO movement and there is need to increase the number of these activities.

In his introductory remarks Dr.R.L.Kale Senior Scientist cum Head applauded need of ARYA project and its importance in self employment generation. He also stated about integrated farming system module and income generating activities to be undertaken by the youths.



Collector, Washim Shri.Modak visited various instructional units at KVK farm viz. integrated farming system module based activities, organic farming and organic input production, azolla production, hydroponics technology for fodder production, vermin-composting, organic kitchen block, demonstration of fish poly culture, custard orchard, poultry birds, turmeric processing and activities of farmers producer company and interacted with the experts so as to transfer proven technologies and practices in the entire district. Mr.P.V.Deshmukh conducted the proceedings of the programme while S.K.Deshmukh offered vote of thanks.