

**“Farm Machinery Testing Protocols for FMTC of Southern Region”**  
**Management level Training Program Organized by SRFMTTI, Anantapur (AP)**

Management level training program on “Farm Machinery Testing Protocols for FMTC of Southern Region” was organized at SRFMTTI Anantapur during December 18-22, 2023. Training was attended by 16 participants from 09 Farm Machinery Testing Centre (FMTC) out of 11 FMTCs in Southern India. 02 female and 14 officers were trained on recent farm machinery testing guidelines and future requirements of testing of agricultural Machinery. Training was aimed to enhance the capability of officers involved in farm machinery testing centers in Southern India and provide exposure on operational knowledge in testing activities of agricultural machine/implement/attachments so as newly inducted officers can work efficiently and carryout uniform testing activities throughout FMTCs.

The program was formally inaugurated by Dr. BM Nandede, Director, SRFMTTI Anantapur. The importance of training and testing was highlighted by Director SRFMTTI and informed the participants about the current need of this training and futuristic requirements of Agricultural Mechanization of the country.

Various theory and practical lecture were delivered by Director, Head of Division and Agricultural Engineers along with Technical staff of the Testing Section of the Institute such as need for testing & responsibility of testing centers, testing activities, file opening, maintain of testing record, testing procedures test data, preparation of test report, discussion on Indian standards, testing charges, information on online testing portal, information regarding power tiller and other agricultural machinery, MPS & Non MPS of different agricultural machinery.



The valedictory session of the training was graced under the Chairmanship of Smt. S Rukmini, Joint Secretary, and Dr. VN Kale, Additional Commissioner (Machinery), Machinery

Joint Secretary in her address to the participants elaborated the expectations from Institute and there co-coordinating FMTCs to shape of the agricultural Mechanization of the country. The forthcoming challenges to develop a test codes for upcoming technology such as AI, Drone, Robots and other battery operated machinery. All the centers have to join hands to gather to improve upon the quality manufacturing with rigorous testing of Machinery at centers. She also urged the FMTCs to use online testing portal for their enrollment as earliest.

Additional Commissioner in his concluding remarks sensitized the various activities of Government of India and SMAM. He reiterated to the participants for concentrating on testing of modern gadgets and sensors based equipment. He also deliberated on maintaining of the uniformity of testing reports effectively carry out and making uniform testing activities to FMTCs.

Director presented the proceedings of the training before concluding remarks by Joint secretary and Additional commissioner. The training program was ended with feedback of training program with Officers/Staffs from FMTCs and training certificate distribution with auspicious hands of Joint secretary, Additional Commissioner and Director of the Institute.

