

Role of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Training Programmes on Income and Employment Generation

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ABSTRACT

Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs - Farm Science Centres) have been established by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to cater to the needs of farming community. The thrust areas of KVKs are refinement and demonstration of technologies, and training of farmers and extension functionaries. Imparting vocational trainings in agriculture and allied fields for the rural youth is one of its mandates. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Amadalavalasa conducted 27 various need based and skill oriented vocational training programmes during 2011-16 in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh state. KVK trained about 633 people, among which 202 people were employed and 35 units were established. The percentage of employment generation was 31.91 which created income for rural people and played a positive role for their empowerment. On an average, income level of the trainees increased by 108.66 per cent because of the adoption of newly acquired skill and thereby improved their share in their family income by 15.07 per cent. Results revealed that majority of the sample trainees were young and most of the trainees belonged to the category of high income generation. The association between education level and income generation of the trainees was found to be significant.

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