

## INFACT's initiatives

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Participatory Technology Development (PTD) Group</b>
<b>Summary</b>	PTD group is of farmers engaged in promoting sustainable farming technologies through participatory research. The involvement and participation of farmers, experts, scientists, and organizations make it more interesting and useful.
<b>Objectives</b>	To develop and promote viable and sustainable agricultural technologies/practices for food security.
<b>Approach</b>	Farmers and experts interact, among themselves and with each other, on developing the basic concepts, in analyzing the problems, preparation of agricultural packages and formulation of and conducting the experiments. Exposure visits, monthly meetings, field visits, experience sharing, periodic farm level monitoring, evaluation and documentations are the major activities.
<b>Important learnings</b>	<p><b>Positive results:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increased the knowledge among farmers through experiments and sharing.</li> <li>▪ Farmers became more interested in their scientific aptitude to find solutions for farming problems.</li> <li>▪ Adopting technologies affordable to farmers eco-friendly and economically viable</li> <li>▪ Awareness about the need of suit agricultural packages for farmers</li> </ul> <p><b>Negative results:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Lack of efficient documentation</li> <li>▪ The lack of attitude and skills for experimenting; and</li> <li>▪ Lack of skills for collecting accurate information relating to the experiments.</li> </ul>
<b>Future plans</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Efficient system for documentation and dissemination of the results and learnings</li> <li>▪ Preparation of Hand book on “Vegetable cultivation”</li> <li>▪ Preparation of a process report, for adopting the concept Participatory Technology Development in other areas.</li> </ul>
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