

## Union Minister of State for Agriculture, Shri. Sudarshan Bhagat urges Farm Scientists to offer Technological Solutions to Agrarian Crises

Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Agriculture, Shri. Sudarshan Bhagat visited ICAR-National Academy for Agricultural Research Management (ICAR-NAARM), Hyderabad on 24 June 2017 and participated in the valedictory function of two training programmes viz., Management Development Programme on, "Leadership Development" and Competence Enhancement Programme on, "Soft Skills and Personality Development for Technical Officers".

Speaking during the interaction meeting at the Academy, Shri. Sudarshan Bhagat said that Indian agriculture is facing newer challenges from the vagaries of changing climatic conditions, leading to availability of excess water for cultivation in some regions and drought-like situation in others. He called upon the agricultural researchers to evolve new technologies to tackle these challenges and to transfer the technologies to the farmers so as to benefit them. Shri. Sudarshan Bhagat distributed certificates to the participants of the ICAR-NAARM training programs. He expressed satisfaction on the feedback of the trainees and complimented the NAAM faculty for their efforts. The Hon'ble Minister also released two of the Academy's publications on the occasion.



Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM, who spoke on the occasion, highlighted NAARM's role in building professional human resources towards realizing the national goal of doubling farmers' income by 2020. He briefed the effort taken by the Academy for being recognized as a Deemed University and requested the support and guidance of the Minister of State for Agriculture, Shri. Sudarshan Bhagat, in this regard.

Earlier, Dr. R. Kalpana Sastry, Joint Director, ICAR-NAARM welcomed the gathering and gave an overview of the mandate and key activities of the Academy. The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. S.K. Soam, Head, ICM Division, NAARM.