

## **ICAR-NAARM and PAU Joint Workshop on Academia-Industry-Government Linkages Concludes**

ICAR- National Academy of Agricultural Research Management organised a two-day Consultative Workshop on “Academia-Industry-Government Linkages for Quality Agricultural Education” 7<sup>th</sup> in series, in collaboration with Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), Ludhiana from 28-29 January 2020. The Workshop was organized as a part of the World Bank funded National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) Component - 2A.

Dr Parvinder Kaushal, Vice-Chancellor, Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan inaugurated the workshop and graced by Dr Baldev Singh Dhillon, Vice-Chancellor, PAU, Ludhiana, in which 70 participants representing Agricultural Universities, Industry and Government hailing from the states of Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir participated. Dr Parvinder Kaushal emphasised the need for “Academia-industry-government linkages to ensure quality education and economic development through skill upgradation and employment generation. All industrialists and academicians must come forward for greater collaboration to have a bright future for the nation, he added.

Dr Baldev Singh Dhillon categorically indicted that changes cannot be brought overnight and there is a need to create awakening among the masses by apprising them of the success stories of the people. He urged the participants to develop a working model to strengthen linkages with the industry, especially in states like Punjab and Haryana.

Dr S Senthil Vinayagam, Co-Principal Investigator from ICAR-NAARM highlighted different initiatives taken up in the project viz. global best practices for curriculum development, assisting agricultural universities in strengthening their linkages with the industry, and strengthening dialogue with state governments to catalyze their participation etc. While welcoming the dignitaries and the participants, Dr GK Sangha, Dean, Postgraduate Studies, PAU, said the Universities and the industry can together promote innovation that can have far reaching impact.

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Inaugural Session at PAU, Ludhiana