

## **Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Additional Secretary, DARE and Secretary, ICAR visits ICAR-NAARM**

Shri. Sanjay Kumar Singh, IAS (Addl. Secretary DARE and Secretary, ICAR) visited ICAR-NAARM on 15-2-2020. He interacted with 110<sup>th</sup> FOCARS where 135 ARS probationers undergoing foundation training. The Secretary discussed on the need for a framework to convert our research to field level applications; emphasized on communicating research findings to farmers in regional languages by effectively utilizing visual aids in the form of videos relevant to major farm-related problems and solutions. He underlined the need of pioneer areas such as artificial intelligence, IoT, Machine learning and importance of interdisciplinary research. Besides food security he advised to concentrate the research on nutrition security issues. Climate research and stress management was also highlighted. The secretary urged the young scientists to keep motivated themselves throughout the service by pursuing research in the pioneer areas, benefitting the farming community.

Dr. Ch. Srinivas Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM in his remarks, outlined course structure of FOCARS, which is spread into three phases including a field experience training of 21 days to understand the problems of farming community at village level. The director also highlighted that this course is designed to transform student researchers into professional researchers with emphasis being given to development of project proposals, scientific writing, ethics at work and positive thinking. The director further briefed about the new interventions in the FOCARS training including the panel discussion with ICAR-Lal Bahadur Shastri outstanding young scientist award winners.



### **Additional Secretary (DARE) and Secretary (ICAR) Interactions with 110th FOCARS Scientists**

He also attended the ICAR-Pensioners meeting briefly which was going on at NAARM and interacted with ICAR Pensioners at Hyderabad and discussed about the pensioner's issues including monthly pension adalat being organized by various pension authorizing Institutes in the country.



### Interacting with Hyderabad based ICAR Pensioners at ICAR-NAARM

In the afternoon, Shri Singh had detailed discussions with Directors of ICAR Institutes located at Hyderabad related to research programs, priorities and way forward. He discussed the issues of duplication of research programs among ICAR Institutes, strengthening of field based research, technology-industry linkages and suggested to concentrate on core issues of technology business incubation centers in ICAR. Also suggested to come out with the documentation on the constraints faced by agri startups linking with donor expectations to improve the overall agri entrepreneurship ecosystems in India. Detailed presentations were made on the overview of activities by respective directors of IIRR, IIMR, IIOR, PDP, NRC on Meat, CRIDA, ATARI and NAARM. He also interacted with administrative and finance officers of various ICAR institutes located in Hyderabad on budget utilization and man power vacancies and assured that man power shortage issues will be resolved soon.



### Interactions with Directors of ICAR Institutes located at Hyderabad along with Admin and Finance Officers

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