

Virtual Training on Design Thinking in Research Project Formulation and Implementation held at ICAR-NAARM

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An Online Training on *Design Thinking in Research Project Formulation and Implementation* was organized by the ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research and Management (NAARM), Hyderabad during 24-29 August 2020. About 45 Agricultural Researchers, including 13 females, representing 24 agricultural research disciplines from 15 ICAR institutions and 12 Agricultural Universities, shortlisted from over 150 applicants from across India, participated in the program.



Snapshot of the interaction of resource persons with the participants

The participants were introduced to the concept of Design Thinking (DT) and its use in various aspects related to research management, with relevant illustrations and case studies. Innovative exercises were designed to instill DT perspectives among the participants in research problem identification, prioritization of research solutions and research concept development. The participants were provided DT practice for prototyping and visualization of project activities, output, outcome and impact. Interactive online breakout group sessions were conducted, wherein the participants had hands-on exercises on the use of various tailor-made online DT tools for research review, project proposal preparation, monitoring and evaluation. The program was concluded on 29 August 2020 and Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM during his valedictory address, complemented the Program Directors *viz.*, Dr. SK. Soam and Dr. P. Krishnan for designing this novel training program addressing a very contemporary aspect of research management, and delivering the same creatively, taking leverage of the technology.