NARES-Cloud Infrastructure and Services "Krishi Megh" is inaugurated at ICAR-NAARM

Krishi Megh ("NARES-Cloud Infrastructure and Services"), a cloud infrastructure and services was inaugurated on 11th August 2020 by Honourable Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmer Welfare and Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar Ji** along with "Accreditation Portal" and "Alumni Network Portal" virtually.

Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmer Welfare **Shri Parshottam Rupala ji** and Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmer Welfare **Shri Kailash Choudhary ji**, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR **Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra ji**, DDG (Education) **Dr RC Agrawal ji**, Director ICAR-NAARM **Dr Ch Srnivasa Rao ji**, along with other senior officers of ICAR Head Quarters, ICAR-IASRI, ICAR-NAARM, University Vice-Chancellors, Directors of the ICAR Institutes, World Bank officials and senior officers from other Ministries also presented during the inaugural.

Initially DDG (Education), ICAR welcomed all for the inaugural ceremony of Krishi Megh. **Hon. Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR** stressed on the importance of the agriculture data and having disaster recovery centre at different seismic zone. Hon'ble Minister **Shri Kailash Choudhary ji** expressed the hope that Krishi Megh will bring information revolution thus contributing to doubling the farmer's income. Hon'ble Minister **Shri Parshottam Rupala ji** suggested to focus on 2-3 organisations holistically and to provide best of the educational services to them so that greater impact and visibility can be seen.

Hon'ble Minister **Shri Narendra Singh Tomar ji,** said Krishi Megh will help to increase the quality and transparency in higher agricultural education in India. He also underscored that transparency of work is very important in every sector and technology is one enabler of creating transparency for better working of governance and institutions. He also spoke about national education policy and importance of agriculture in current scenario.

Dr Ch Srinivasa Rao Director of the Academy facilitated the inaugural of Disaster Recovery Center at ICAR-NAARM.

The platform allows all the stakeholders of agriculture domain in India to access the needy information and services which may vary like provision of educational resources to the agricultural students, advisory services to farmers and scientific services to the researchers. Cloud Computing Infrastructure and Services is emerging today as a commercial infrastructure that eliminates the need for maintaining expensive computing hardware, software, Information technology, staff, infrastructure, recourses and their maintenance, ICAR bringing this to the agri stakeholders of India.