

Innovative Practices in Extension Research and Evaluation: Online Training Programme Inaugurated at ICAR-NAARM

Extension research is a unique social science inquiry, where research ideas are gathered from the field problems and put through a systematic cycle of objective investigations that result in significant solutions. Apart from developing theories and models that advance scientific knowledge, extension research should also provide new insights for improving extension policy and practice. With this aim, the online **21 days (08-28 Sept. 2020)** training programme on “**Innovative Practices in Extension Research and Evaluation**” is initiated for developing the critical abilities of extension professionals to conduct quality research and evaluation.



On **8th September 2020**, during the inauguration of this training programme DDG(AgriExtn), **Dr.A.K.Singh**, in his **Inaugural address**, gave a major emphasis over need for extension research in present scenario. He envisaged towards developing sound methods and models to help the field functionaries in effective delivery of extension services.

In the **presidential remarks**, Director of ICAR-NAARM, **Dr. Ch Srinivasa Rao**, highlighted the need for ‘rigorous approach’ in advancing extension science and urged upon looking into the ‘mechanics’ of conducting extension research.

Dr.S.K.Soam, Joint Director of ICAR-NAARM, emphasizes educating educators and trainers about improving the delivery mechanism in online training and extension programmes.

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