

# 111<sup>th</sup> Foundation Course for ARS Scientists concluded at ICAR-NAARM

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The 37 ARS probationers including 16 women, representing 15 agricultural disciplines, who were undergoing their Foundation Course for Agricultural Research Service (FOCARS) at ICAR-NAARM since 05 Oct 2020, completed their training program and received their completion certificates during the Valedictory Program held on 02 Jan 2021. Dr. R.S. Paroda, Former Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR was the Chief Guest of the event, which was attended by many eminent researchers and research managers from across NARES through the online platform. Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM gave an overview of the foundation program and highlighted the steps taken to re-orient the program under the new normal. Dr. R.S. Paroda, in his address, particularly recognized that the young scientists have traversed across the country for acquiring higher education in agriculture and have now received postings in different states of the country. This, he hoped that would help them understand the diversity of research needs across the country and contribute to the clientele based on the skills they acquired in research and management. He called upon them to align their research with that of the vision set by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Dr. Paroda congratulated all the winners of various events conducted during the program and complimented the Team NAARM for successfully completing the course during the pandemic situation. During the event, various publications of the Academy were released by the Chief Guest. Earlier, Dr. S.K. Soam, Joint Director, ICAR-NAARM, introduced the Chief Guest and welcomed all the participants who attended the event physically and through online platform. Dr. M. Balakrishnan, Dr. V.V. Sumanth Kumar and Dr. P. Krishnan were the Course Directors of 111 FOCARS.



