

## ICAR-NAARM empanels eight IT firms to enable joint development of software solutions for the agricultural sector

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ICAR-NAARM has taken a pioneering initiative to empanel private firms to co-develop IP-enabled IT solutions to address issues related to agricultural research, education, development, and governance based on mutual expertise and experience. This provides an enabling framework for public-private partnership, for institutionalizing innovation and generating revenue from the knowledge products developed jointly by the Academy and the empanelled firms.



*Glimpses from the Empanelment Launch Workshop*

During the first phase, four firms were empanelled in 2018, under which few prototypes / solutions related to evidence-based research governance, training management, vulnerability assessment, etc., were developed. NAARM organized a launch meeting on 06 Sep 2021 wherein the Academy signed agreements for Joint Product Development with eight empanelled firms viz., M/s. ADEPTO Geo Informatics Private Limited, M/s. Centre for Good Governance, M/s. Neemus Software

Solutions Private Limited, M/s. Tecdatum Info Services Pvt Ltd, and M/s. Threshold Software Solutions Private Limited, Hyderabad; M/s. NCDEX e-Markets Limited, Mumbai; M/s. Nippon Data Systems Limited, Delhi and M/s. Skillmine Technology Consulting Private Limited, Bangalore.

Dr. P. Krishnan, Member Secretary of the Empanelment Operationalizing Committee provided an overview of the arrangement, following which each of the firms provided a glimpse of their strengths and potential areas of partnership. Dr. G. Venkateshwarlu, Joint Director, NAARM highlighted the key roles of the Academy and expressed hope that the partnership will provide an opportunity for advancing the interests of the Academy, through mutually beneficial partnership.

Earlier, Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, NAARM hoped that this arrangement would serve as a platform for the scientists from different ICAR institutes to network with NAARM and the empanelled IT firms for jointly developing technological solutions in their respective domains. The program was conducted in hybrid mode and representatives from all ICAR institutes based at Hyderabad and PME Cell In-charges from different ICAR institutes joined virtually.