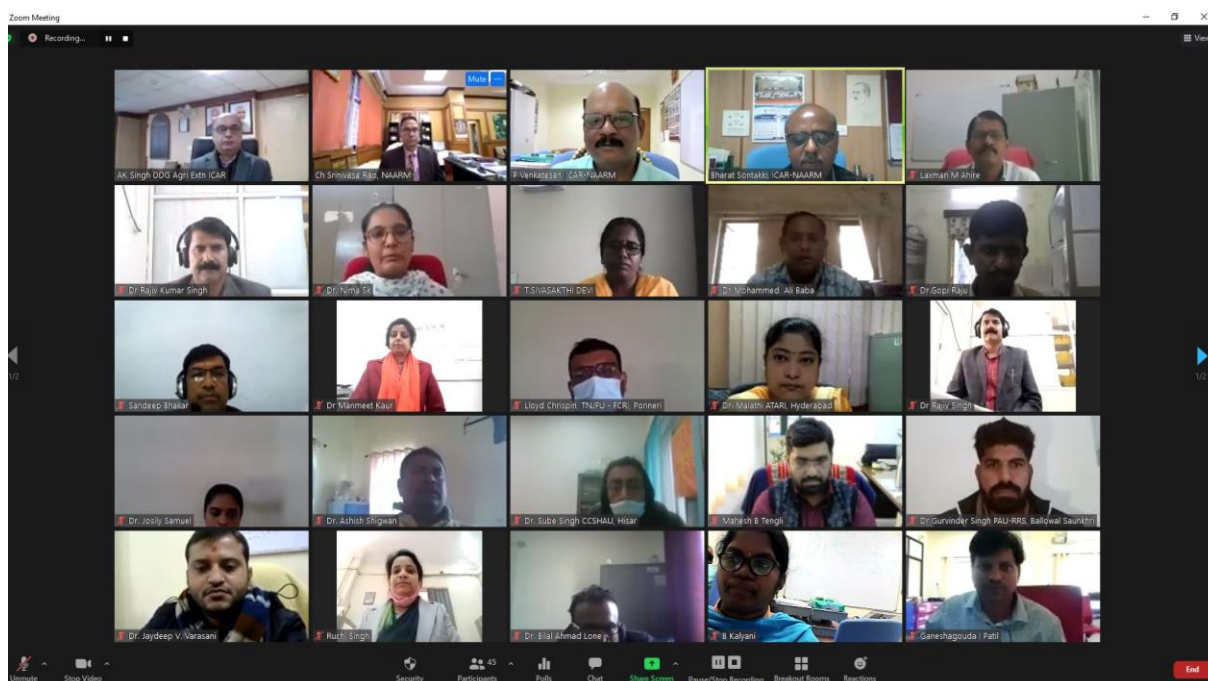


DDG, Extension Inaugurates ICAR-Winter School on “Advances in Social Science Research & Evaluation” at ICAR-NAARM

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Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR, New Delhi inaugurated the 21-days ICAR-Sponsored Online Winter School on “**Advances in Social Science Research and Evaluation**” at ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad today. In his inaugural address, Dr. Singh highlighted the prospects of social sciences research in general and extension research in particular in strengthening interface of research with farming community for addressing the current and future needs of Indian agriculture. While mentioning about the challenges in agricultural extension, he envisaged how extension and social sciences research can overcome these by scale-up, collaborations and networking.



Dr. Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM in his presidential remarks on the occasion highlighted the need for ‘rigorous approach’ in advancing extension science and he also urged upon the urgent need to look into the ‘mechanics’ of conducting extension research, besides outlining the efforts of the Academy in this direction.

This 21-days online course is being organized from 25 January to 14 February 2022, with the core objective of imparting advanced knowledge and skills in conducting impact-oriented research and evaluation in social sciences in agriculture. Forty-two participants representing NARS institutions from 15 States and one Union Territory are attending this course.

Dr. P. Venkatesan, Course Director delivered welcome address while Dr. Bharat S Sontakki, Course Coordinator proposed vote of thanks on this occasion. Dr. N. Sivaramane is the other Coordinator of this course.