

## **Five days Online Training Programme on “Recent Advances in Organic Farming Research” Concluded at ICAR-NAARM**

The five-day virtual Training Programme on “**Recent Advances in Organic Farming Research**” organized by the ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 concluded today.

Delivering the inaugural address, Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad apprised the participants about the harmful effects of synthetic fertilizers & pesticides and its effects on soil health and as well as environmental pollution. Dr Rao also lucidly explained present scenario of organic agriculture and various government schemes are initiated for promoting the organic and natural farming towards sustainable agriculture in India.

Shri Yadlapalli Venkateswa Rao, Founder, Rhythunastam (Farmer friend), Pasunestam (Cattle friend) and Prakruti Nestham (Nature’s friend) Magazine & PadmaSree Awardee, graced the valedictory programme as a chief guest and highlighted the role of farmers and scientists in the nation building and sensitized them towards for organic production system higher profitability and sustainability.

Delivering the valedictory address, Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad in his remarks spoke on the remarkable progress made in agriculture since Independence and also the need to preserve the natural resources as well as biodiversity by adopting organic and natural farming. He was also urged to all the participants to promote organic and natural farming in their respective institutes and state universities and finally in farming communities.

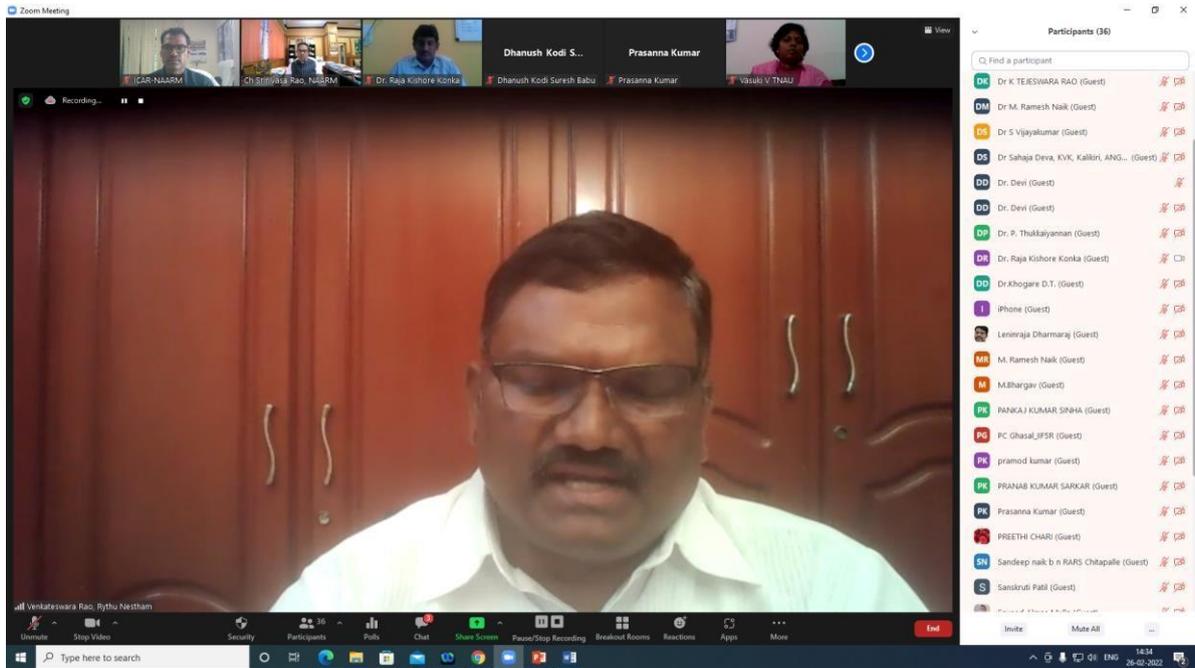
The main objective of the programme is to give overview of recent innovative approaches & strategies followed in organic production system and to apprise the participants with different organic production technologies towards higher profitability and sustainable production.

A total of 48 Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, Subject Matter Specialists, Scientists of SAUs, ICAR Institutes and KVKs from different States across the country including 15 women participated in the training programme. Dr. M Ramesh Naik, scientist of the academy coordinated the program.



Inaugural address by Dr.Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM





Valedictory address by Shri Yadlapalli Venkateswa Rao, Founder, Rhythunastam, Pasunestam and Prakruti Nestham Magazine & PadmaSree Awardee, 2019.