

## **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Society of Statistics, Computer & Applications (RASTA-2022)**

### **Concludes at ICAR-NAARM**

**Dated: 28/02/2022**

The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications (SSCA), Recent Advances in Statistical Theory and Applications – RASTA 2022 was organized by ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (ICAR-NAARM) during February 23-27, 2022. The conference aimed at bringing statisticians, economists, computer scientists, and researchers from other disciplines to a common platform and discuss the advances made and emerging issues and learn from one another. The conference was inaugurated on February 23, 2022 by Dr. R.C. Agrawal, DDG (Education), ICAR. During the inaugural programme,

Dr. R.C. Agrawal, DDG (Education) while inaugurating the conference and later giving a special lecture on the landscape of Agricultural Education, informed the gathering that popularity of Agricultural Education is rising and the Council is committed to improve the quality of Agricultural Universities as well as increase the intake to meet the growing requirements of graduates from agricultural sciences.

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM and Chief-Patron of the conference emphasized the emerging issues in Agricultural sciences particularly climate change challenges and India's commitments to reduce greenhouse gases. He urged the statistical community to rise to provide solutions.

Dr. V.K. Gupta, former National Professor, ICAR and the president of SSCA in his remarks urged the young researchers to work harder and explore the new avenues

During the conference, 51 invited talk sessions, 68 Young Researchers' invited Talk/contributory talks, 4 endowment lectures, one special session on Financial Statistics, one keynote address, one Memorial lecture in the name of late Prof. M.N. Das and two memorial sessions in the names of late Dr. Hukum Chandra and late Dr. Lal Mohan Bhar. Some of the key issues deliberated in the conference include, "Noval Differential Abundance Analysis of Gut Microbiota" by Dr. Shyamal Peddada, "Alternatives to Global Index" by Prof. Arun Kumar Nigam, "Inequalities among Agricultural Households" by Dr. K.J.S. Satyasai, advances in the area of Bayesian Data Analysis, Survival Analysis etc. A young researcher, Dr. S.M. Patil from Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra won the prestigious Prof. M.N. Memorial Young Scientist Award. The conference was concluded on February, 27, 2022.

More than 160 researchers, students, experts from different parts of the country registered for the conference. The conference was convened by Dr. G. Venkateshwarlu, Joint Director of the Academy and Dr. A. Dhandapani and Dr. S. Ravichandran of ICAR-NAARM are the organizing Secretary and Co-Organizing Secretary of the conference respectively.

A screenshot of a Zoom meeting grid with 20 participants. The participants are arranged in a 5x4 grid. The names of the participants are displayed below their respective video thumbnails. The control bar at the bottom includes icons for Start Video, Participants (60), Chat, Share Screen, Record, Reactions, and Apps.

Participant Name	Participant Name	Participant Name	Participant Name
Rajender Parsad (IASRI)	T.Raj Kumar	Dhandapani	ravichandran-NAARM
vinojgupta	Vishal Deo	Ramasubramanian V	Dipak Roy Choudhury
R. Vishnu Vardhan, Pondicherry University	ALOKE	P. K. Banerjee	Manish Sharma
bikas sinha	R. D. Koshli	Ranjit K Paul	B N Mandal
Sanjay Roy Chowdhury	Sobita Sopam	Anrit	Siva G
Shiva Kumar	Nazli B V Nagarjuna	Reshmi Sharma	Shibani Roy Choudhury