

Soft Skills and Agri-Entrepreneurship Training Concluded at ICAR-NAARM

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The Academy has organised Training of Trainers' (ToT) workshop for faculty members of State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) to develop *Soft skills and Entrepreneurship among Agri-graduates* during January 23-24, 2023. This ToT has been organized with an attempt to create a pool of Master trainers in agricultural universities who would in turn train the Agri-graduates in their respective universities. The Workshop was organized as a part of the World Bank sponsored National Agricultural Higher Education Project Component - 2A.

Twenty – seven faculty members representing 27 State Agricultural Universities belonging to 15 states namely; Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Bihar, Karnataka, Telangana, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh participated in the workshop. Consequent upon the completion of TOT programme, each participant will organize one-day workshop on “*Development of Soft skills for Entrepreneurship among Agri Graduates*” at their respective universities covering at least 100 students. The master trainers have been entrusted with the responsibility of training around 3000 Agri-graduates in 27 Universities as a follow up action plan of the workshop.

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM offered to extend handholding support to selected SAUs to create awareness among the Agri-graduates for entrepreneurship development throughout the length and breadth of the country.

Dr. Surya Rathore, Co-PI, NAHEP & Head (Acting), Extension Systems Management, NAARM briefed the house that this workshop is second in the series with earlier similar workshop held in the year 2019 having created 34 master trainers who have trained more than 3000 students by means of 28 programmes in 25 Universities. Dr. Alok Kumar delivered vote of thanks.

