

**Academia-Industry-Government Linkages for Higher Education: National Conference
Concluded at ICAR-NAARM**

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The National Conference on “Policy Development and Implementation Strategies for Academia-Industry-Government Linkages for Agricultural Higher Education in India” was held during March 12-13, 2023 at ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management, Hyderabad.

Dr. R C Agrawal, National Director, NAHEP & DDG (Agril. Education) inaugurated the conference and highlighted the salient achievements of the project during the preceding years. He also shared the importance of the project in building the institutional mechanism for knowledge sharing, executing the actionable MoUs and restructuring of agricultural curriculum.

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, NAARM expressed his happiness for the active involvement of stakeholders from diverse areas and department and assured them to bring out the actionable quality policy document. Dr. P L Gautam, Member of External Advisory panel, NAHEP flagged the issues relating to MoUs, agreements and reciprocal sabbatical leaves to pursue higher education. He assured his support in refining the recommendations of the conference to suit to all three stakeholders. Dr. N S Rathore, Former DDG (Education) recalled his efforts in drafting the project during his tenure as DDG (Education), while, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Director, IASRI, New Delhi highlighted the role of his team in executing the project objectives.

The conference had four technical sessions namely; Stakeholder’s Perspectives on Nurturing Academia-Industry-Government Collaboration; AIG-Linkage Strategy for Simplifying Procedures, Building Trust and Enhancing Participation; Policy advocacy to state governments for effective convergence among stakeholders and Implementation processes for identified interventions. A policy paper on ‘Curriculum Development Framework’ was also released during the conference. The Organising Secretary (Dr S K Soam) of this national event informed that more than 65 delegates including 15 serving and retired VCs from Agricultural Universities and 19 senior representatives from industry and different state governments participated in this conference.

