

DG, ICAR addresses Valedictory Session of MOOC on AI in Agriculture at ICAR-NAARM

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The Valedictory session of Massive Open Online Course on “Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture” is held on 19 April 2024 at Centre of Lifelong Learning in Agricultural Education (COLLAgE) Lab of ICAR- NAARM. The MOOC was registered by 4423 participants, a record number of participants. The occasion was also marked by the launch of Multi-input Digital Content Production Unit of the Lab, for development of high quality education content, by Dr Himanshu Pathak, Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR. The new portal for MOOCs was also launched on this occasion by honourable Director General.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Pathak underlined the importance of Artificial Intelligence in one of the most ancient domains like Agriculture where a lot of decisions need to be taken based on the vagaries in the climate, soil condition, water status. He also highlighted the need of understanding of agriculture science before applying the AI tools. He emphasized the importance on introducing high end concepts like AI, ML in agriculture through digital modes like MOOC for benefit of NARES and also expressed confidence that the academy will take a lead in doing so.

Dr Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM underscored on the various MOOC-based activities of the Academy in enhancing the reach and access of its wisdom for the benefit of its stakeholders. He also informed about the processes through which academy is helping SAUs in creating state of art digital facilities.

Dr G Venkateshwarlu, Joint Director, ICAR-NAARM expressed the hope that new innovations in education at NAARM can enhance its reach to NARES.

The program was conducted in hybrid mode to benefit the online and offline learners of the MOOC.

