

ICAR-NAARM Organizes Webinar on “Reforms in Governance” under SADHANA Saptah

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ICAR-NAARM organized a webinar on “Reforms in Governance @ ICAR” as part of the ongoing *SADHANA Saptah* celebrations (April 2–8, 2026) under the iGOT Karmayogi initiative. The webinar aimed to promote the spirit of continuous learning, capacity building, and institutional excellence among stakeholders across the National Agricultural Research, Education and Extension System (NAREES). The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of over 5,000 participants through more than 2,700 logins, including ICAR employees, participants from Central and State Agricultural Universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendras across the country.

In his opening remarks, Dr. S. K. Sharma, Assistant Director General (HRM) and Nodal Officer for iGOT at ICAR, highlighted the importance of capacity building and human resource development in strengthening governance systems. Delivering the inaugural address, Dr. J. K. Jena, Deputy Director General (Fisheries and Agricultural Education), underlined the significance of innovation, reforms, and continuous learning in achieving excellence in governance.

The keynote lecture was delivered by Dr. M. L. Jat, Secretary (DARE) and Director General, ICAR, who outlined key governance reforms in ICAR, emphasizing participative, transparent, and citizen-centric governance aligned with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. He highlighted major initiatives including restructuring of regional stations, establishment of the MELIA unit, and implementation of the ICAR Research Data Management Policy, along with reforms in communication, gender inclusivity, resource mobilization, and pension digitization. He also discussed administrative and academic reforms such as decentralization, streamlined career advancement, alignment with NEP 2020, promotion of natural farming, and a focus on accelerated varietal development, indigenous technologies, and data-driven, demand-led research.

The webinar reinforced ICAR’s commitment to building a transparent, efficient, technology-enabled, and farmer-centric governance framework. It also highlighted the role of Mission Karmayogi in fostering a culture of continuous learning and professional development among government employees.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Gopal Lal, Chairman, Capacity Building Unit (CBU) of DARE and Director, ICAR-NAARM, acknowledging the contributions of all dignitaries and participants. The webinar was smoothly anchored and facilitated by Dr. B. Ganesh Kumar, Member, CBU-DARE and Head, HRM Division, ICAR-NAARM.

