

## RESEARCH INITIATIVES

There are 20 research projects operational in the areas of structural transformation, value chain analysis, resource planning, impact assessment of agricultural technologies, delivery of extension services, farm mechanization, micro-irrigation, and market reforms. Research projects also include three network projects:

- Structural Transformation, Regional Disparity and Institutional Reforms in Agriculture
- Policy Imperatives for Promoting Value Chain of Agricultural Commodities in India
- Resource Use Planning for Sustainable Agriculture

### New Initiative

NAHEP project on Investments in Indian Council of Agricultural Research Leadership in Agricultural Higher Education in collaboration with ICAR-IASRI (lead center) and ICAR-NAARM

### Consultancy Projects:

- Transformation, and Sources of Growth in Southeast Asian Agriculture from IFPRI, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC
- Framing policy for overseas acquisition of raw material by the Indian fertilizer companies and role of Government of India
- Research studies on post-harvest profiles of 10 selected commodities.

## ADMINISTRATION

### Meeting of Institute Management Committee

28th Meeting of Institute Management Committee was held on March 16, 2019 under the chairmanship of Dr. Suresh Pal, Director NIAP. Dr. G. Venkateswarlu, ADG (EQR), Education Division, ICAR, Dr. R.K. Grover, Assistant Director (HRM), CCSHAU, Hisar, Haryana, Mr. Shan-E-Alam, Deputy Director, Directorate of Economics & Statistics, Delhi, Dr. Harbir Singh, Principal Scientist, IARI, Dr. Amit Kar, Head, Division of Agricultural Economics, IARI were present to guide and discuss various institute activities and management issues. NIAP staff members and Ms. Neha Agarwal, AO, Member Secretary also attended the IMC meeting. Valuable comments and suggestions of the members were received on various issues including starting teaching on policy research and introducing NIAP foundation day award on the annual day.



### Annual IRC 2019

Annual meeting of IRC of ICAR-NIAP was held on 10-11 June 2019. External experts Dr Vishva Ballabh, XLRI and Dr B C Roy, Vishva Bharti appreciated the research being conducted at NIAP and also provided very valuable suggestions for each project. Dr Suresh Pal, Director, NIAP chaired the meeting, identified research gaps and scope for improvement in each project and stressed on more publications in quality journals from research projects.



## CAPACITY BUILDING

### Review meeting of network project on Resource Use Planning for Sustainable Agriculture

Workshop cum seminar on Resource Use Planning for Sustainable Agriculture was held at ICAR-NIAP, New Delhi on 29-30 May, 2019. Discussions on case studies by network partners from AAU, BHU, MPUAT, HAU, IARI, PAU and TNAU, crop planning matrix and technology identification were held. Hands on exercise on refinement of optimum crop plan models were carried out by each partner under the supervision of Director, ICAR-NIAP and project leaders.



### National workshop on Sustainability of Indian Agriculture: Methodology and Indicators

National workshop on Sustainability of Indian Agriculture: Methodology and Indicators was organized at NIAP during 18-19 June 2019. The workshop aimed to finalize soil, water, bio-diversity, environmental, climate change and socio-economic indicators of sustainability. Sh. Chhabilendra Roul, IAS, Secretary, Department of Fertilizers, chaired the workshop. Dr. Suresh Pal, Director, NIAP welcomed the chair and all the guests and participants. Dr S K Chaudhary, ADG, Soil Water Management, Dr S K Ambast, Director, ICAR-IIWM, Dr Kuldeep Singh, Director, ICAR-NBPGR and Dr P S Birthal, National Professor, ICAR and other experts from various ICAR Institutes provided very valuable comments regarding methodology and benchmarks of the sustainability indicators.



### Review meeting of network project on Policy Imperatives for Promoting Value Chains of Agricultural Commodities in India

Annual Review Workshop of the project was held on 28-29 June, 2019 at ICAR-NIAP, New Delhi. Six project collaborators viz. National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal; Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Azatnagar, Indian Institute of Subtropical Horticulture, Bangaluru, Central Agricultural University, Barapani, Central Marine Fishery Research Institute, Kochi, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology, Srinagar participated in the workshop. The team discussed the work progress and plan of action to achieve the objective of the project.



## DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

### Dr. R.S. Paroda

Dr. R S Paroda, Chairman, TAAS and former DG, ICAR visited ICAR-NIAP on 23rd April, 2019 to discuss policy alternatives relating to sustainable agriculture through diversification, faster agricultural growth, natural resource conservation, fisheries, livestock, agro-forestry, agricultural insurance, credit and related issues for welfare of farming community. He informed that inputs from NIAP will be helpful to the committee constituted by the Principal Scientific Advisor to GoI for Sustainable agriculture

### Ms. Kimberley Marie

Ms. Kimberley Marie Agricultural Economist, Office of Global Analysis, USDA Foreign Agricultural Services visited ICAR-NIAP on May 17, 2019. Ms. Kimberley discussed issues On (1) Status of government grain procurement and stocks, (2) Challenges facing the storage, distribution, and marketing of these stocks during the current season, (3) Views on the government's minimum support price policy and (4) Challenges facing Indian agriculture.

## EVENTS

### Annual Day

ICAR-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NIAP) celebrated its 28th Annual Day on a vibrant mode on 2nd May 2019. On the occasion, Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman NITI Aayog made his gracious presence as the Chief Guest and delivered the 12th Professor Dayanatha Jha Memorial Lecture organized in commemoration of Prof. Dayanatha Jha, former Director, ICAR-NIAP. The function was presided by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary DARE and Director General, ICAR and chaired by Dr. Mruthyunjaya, former director of the institute. Many eminent personalities including Dr. Madhur Gautam (Lead Economist, World Bank), Dr Arabinda Kumar Padhee (Director, Country Relations and Business Affairs, ICRISAT), Dr. Ashok Dalwai (Chief Executive Officer, National Rainfed Area Authority), Dr. A.K. Singh (Deputy Director General, Agricultural Extension, ICAR), Dr. P.K. Joshi (Former Director ICAR-NIAP and Senior advisor, IFPRI) and other delegates from CGIAR and ICAR institutes marked their presence on the occasion.



In welcome address, Dr. Suresh Pal, Director, ICAR-NIAP detailed the achievements of the institute in agricultural economics and policy research and duly acknowledged the contributions of previous directors in nurturing the institute to reach its heights. Dr. Mruthyunjaya, congratulated the staff of ICAR-NIAP for maintaining its edge in policy research in National Agricultural Research System and in agricultural economics as a whole.

Dr. Rajiv Kumar delivered 12th Dayanatha Jha Memorial Lecture on "Indian Agriculture: Retrospect and Prospects" presenting the status of Indian agriculture in comparison with the rest of the world, major issues and future prospects. He emphasized on the application of Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF) as a viable agricultural practice for restoring ecosystem balance, the need of revamping agricultural markets and price policies, adoption of Model Tenancy Law, promotion of agripreneurship and value addition and promotion of NDDDB model in agriculture. Dr. T. Mohapatra, DG, ICAR made his remarks on the various issues in

agricultural sector raised by the chief guest. He stressed upon the need for adequate investment in agricultural R&D. He also urged that the institute may reach to a level of globally competitive position in agricultural economics and policy research. In the consecutive session, a panel discussion was organized on the topic 'NIAP @2050'. Panel constituted of Prof. Abhijit Sen (Former Member, Planning Commission), Dr. Mruthyunjaya (Former Director, ICAR-NIAP), Dr P K Joshi (Former Director, ICAR-NIAP), Dr. Vijay Paul Sharma (Chairman, CACP) and Dr. K.L. Prasad (Senior Economics and Statistical Advisor, DES, DAFW). Deliberations were made by different panelists regarding the future roles and linkages of ICAR-NIAP in the fields of agricultural economics research, capacity building and policy advocacy with a vision of making it as a Centre of Excellence with global reputation by 2050.

### Induction-level Training of IES Officers on Core Issues related to Agricultural Sector

An induction level training programme was organized for eight Indian Economics Services Officers (in service) from 31.12.2018 to 04.01.2019 at ICAR-NIAP, New Delhi.



### Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav

Under this activity, three teams of scientists visited 15 villages in Rohtak, Palwal and Mewat district of Haryana state. Scientists discussed and encouraged farmers about advantages of organic farming and problems and challenges of chemical farming. The team motivated farmers to start with small area for home consumption. Scientist also conducted a focus group discussion on the interim budget of Government of India and focus group discussion regarding various agricultural practices followed and penetration of different government schemes in the village. Awareness on proper seed treatment and land preparation and other general aspects like health and sanitation, education of girl child and nutrition were also done.



### International Yoga Day Celebrations

Hon'ble Sh. Kailash Choudhary, MoS Agriculture Minister, Government of India led the 5th International Yoga Day celebration with the scientists, technical staff, students and administrative staff of all Delhi based ICAR institutes including NIAP and dignitaries from ICAR headquarters at IARI on 21 June, 2019. Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary DARE and DG, ICAR welcomed Hon'ble MoS and thanked him for making this event a grand success.



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