

Nepalese Delegation Visits ICAR-IARI

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A high-level ministerial delegation from Nepal visited the ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi, to foster collaboration and share experiences in enhancing agricultural productivity, with a special focus on hill agriculture.

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director & Vice Chancellor of ICAR-IARI, highlighted the strong geographical and agricultural ties between India and Nepal. He noted that both nations face common challenges such as climate change, natural disasters, and pest infestations—issues that require integrated efforts through technology sharing and policy support. He highlighted achievements and contributions of IARI in fulfilling food needs of the country besides agri exports. Dr. Rao emphasized the importance of introducing farmers to new technologies, promoting agri-entrepreneurship, and fostering academic collaborations. He proposed formulating a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between IARI and Nepalese agricultural universities to ensure long-term cooperation in research, extension services, and capacity building.

Mr. Kamal Bahadur Shah, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Sudurpashchim Province, Nepal, expressed deep appreciation for IARI's contributions to food security and technological advancement. He noted that IARI's innovative models and scientific practices could serve as valuable references for Nepal, especially in improving agricultural productivity in its hilly and remote regions.

Mr. Shah outlined Nepal's current agricultural challenges and emphasized the need for India's support in capacity building, technology transfer, and policy collaboration. He expressed strong interest in future partnerships with IARI, underlining a shared vision to improve crop yields and adapt to evolving climate and farming conditions.

Dr. R.N. Padaria, Joint Director (Extension), IARI, highlighted the institute's historic role in the Green Revolution, which transformed India into a food-secure nation.



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