

President, The National Assembly of the Republic of Madagascar Visits ICAR-IARI

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HE Mr Justin Tokely, President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Madagascar along with Members of Parliament visit ICAR-IARI on 13th March 2025.

Dr Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director IARI highlighted IARI's contribution to global agricultural advancements by way of cutting-edge research in crop science, horticulture, soil health, farm mechanization and biotechnology. He also shared IARI'S strength in development of high-yielding and climate resilient varieties of major crops such as rice, wheat, oilseeds and legumes.

HE Mr Justin informed that his country has vast arable land of 36 mha but only 10% of it is cultivated due to lack of technical knowhow. He further stressed the need for cooperation in the areas of renewable energy and food security.

Discussions held on possible MoU between ICAR-IARI and Government of Madagascar so that collaborative exchange programme could be facilitated in the areas of agricultural teaching, transfer of technology and agricultural research.

The delegates visited the Nanaji Deshmukh Plant Phenomics Center and IFS model of IARI and were appraised about the latest tools and techniques being used by IARI for Research and Development.



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