

## **Nepal Delegation visits ICAR-IARI**

**10-9-25**

A delegation comprising of Dr Govinda Prasad Sharma, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development (MoALD), Government of Nepal (GoN); Mr Krishna Prasad Timisina, Executive Director, Nepal Agricultural Research Council, Govt. of Nepal visited ICAR-IARI, New Delhi on 10-9-2025.

Dr. Govinda Prasad Sharma highlighted that agricultural domains in Nepal are arranged in three different verticals. Agricultural education and transfer of technologies were under two different Ministries.

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, the Director and Vice-Chancellor of the Institute welcomed the delegates and apprised them about the agricultural research, education and extension programmes of ICAR as well as IARI. Highlighting the cultural and spiritual bonds as well as geographical proximity with Nepal, he emphasised that the tested innovations of India could be helpful for advancement of agricultural research, education and extension system as well as the livelihoods of the farmers of Nepal. He emphasised upon the common challenges of climate change, natural resource management and productivity gains with respect to the hill agriculture system. He dealt with in depth about the technology development, policy engagement, and farmers' empowerment system of India which helped in transiting India from a food deficit country to a food surplus country with export potential of several commodities. He referred to partnerships and collaboration endeavours to strengthen the agricultural system, particularly the Nepal Agricultural Research Council in response to the delegation's concern of the need of restructuring the agriculture research, education and extension system in Nepal.

Dr. Anupama Singh, Dean & Joint Director (Education), IARI provided insights for enhancing students' enrolment in IARI and SAUs as well as faculty development programme. Dr. R.N. Padaria, Joint Director (Extension), IARI highlighted the strengthening of farmers' co-operatives for effective transfer of technology and market linkages. A video film on IARI was also shown to provide the perspectives of discussion. The modalities of germplasm exchange and collaborative research programmes were also discussed. Mr. Krishna Prasad Timisina, stressed upon need for close partnership of ICAR and Nepal Agricultural Research Council in areas of high yielding varieties and natural resource management.



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