

Preface



It gives me immense pleasure in bringing out the Annual Report 2009-10 of the Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI). The present report highlights some of the glimpses of the research achievements made, new methodologies developed, significant

advisory and consultancy services provided, dissemination of knowledge acquired and development of human resource. The scientists, technical personnel, administrative, finance and other staff of the Institute have put in their best efforts in fulfilling the mandate of the Institute.

To fulfill objectives and mandate of the Institute, the research was carried out under 50 research projects in the Institute (01 National Professor Scheme, 30 Institute funded, 05 NAIP funded, 01 AP Cess funded, 04 funded by other outside agencies and 09 in collaboration with other Institutions). 12 projects have been completed and 06 new studies/projects have been initiated with one as ad-hoc study. One of the new initiative undertaken this year is initiation of NAIP Consortium Strengthening Statistical Computing for NARS for creation of sound and healthy statistical/computing environment for the benefit of scientists.

It gives me great satisfaction that the Institute has celebrated its Golden Jubilee year, completing 50 years on 02 July 2009. As part of Golden Jubilee Celebrations, five Golden Jubilee Workshops were organised. A publication "*IASRI ... an era of Excellence*" has also been published.

Eleven training programmes (One under Center of Advanced Faculty Training; one Winter School; one for ISS Probationers; four for CSO officials; three International Training programmes one for CAC staff at Tashkent, one at ICARDA, Syria and one sponsored by AARDO; one special training programme on financial matters for officials of ICAR Hqrs.) were organized. In all 182 participants were trained in these training programmes. Ten other Symposium/Workshops, one Workshop in Hindi and two Brainstorming sessions on Establishment of Centre of Agricultural Bioinformatics were also organised.

An important breakthrough in the capacity building and sensitization of the scientists of NARS was the initiation of a new concept of organizing "*Travel Training Programmes*" at different locations in various areas of statistics and computer applications. Three such travel training programmes on Advances in Design of Experiments were organized for the scientists of ANGRAU, Hyderabad and its centres and 245 researchers were sensitized.

Scientists of the Institute published 61 research papers in National and International refereed Journals along with 24 popular articles, 06 book chapters, 24 projects/technical reports/reference manuals, 03 pamphlets and 04 workshops proceedings.

I am happy to note that some of our colleagues received academic distinctions during the year.

The scientists of the Institute were deputed for presentation of their papers in various national/international conferences. This year two scientists were deputed to present their papers to Washington DC and South Africa. Four scientists visited Malaysia, Tunisia, Uzbekistan, Spain, South Africa, USA and Syria on different assignments.

To promote Hindi, a poster presentation of research papers in Hindi was organized.

This report has been compiled through collective efforts rendered by Heads of Divisions, scientists and other staff of the Institute. I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all of them for their devotion, whole-hearted support and cooperation in carrying out various functions and activities of the Institute.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to all my colleagues in Research Coordination and Management Unit for coordinating various activities and Hindi Section for Hindi Translation of the required material.

It is expected that the scientists in NARS will be immensely benefitted from the information contained in this publication. I look forward to any suggestions and comments for its improvements.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "VK Bhatia". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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Director