

**Live Webcast/Telecast of Inauguration of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi
(PM-KISAN) at ICAR-IARI, New Delhi**

Live webcast/telecast of inauguration of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi Ji was done at Dr. B. P. Pal Auditorium of ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi on 24/02/2019 from 10.30 AM to 1.30 PM. Smt. Sushma Swaraj, Honourable Union Minister of External Affairs, Government of India and Shri Vijay Goyal, Honourable Minister of State for Statistics and Program Implementation, Government of India graced the occasion with their august presence. Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) & Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Dr. A. K. Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension) & Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi and Dr. J. P. Sharma, Joint Director (Extension), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi were also present on the dais.

Before the onset of webcast/telecast Smt. Swaraj addressed the gathering. She highlighted the PM-KISAN scheme and other welfare schemes of the Government of India for the farmers and role of ICAR for the upliftment of farming community of the nation. She praised the contribution of the agricultural scientists and the farmers for achieving food security and transforming the country from food imported to food exporter. Shri Goyal also appreciated the policies and efforts of the government for improving the quality of life of farmers. Both "Man Ki Baat" and inaugural address of Honourable Prime Minister of India were shown live in the auditorium. More than 350 farmers from NCR region were present during the programme.

Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR delivered the welcome address at the start of the programme and Dr. A. K. Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension) & Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi extended vote of thanks to the guests and the farmers.