

Press note of webinar on “Discussion on New Education Policy” dated 14th August, 2020

PG School, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi has organized a webinar on “Discussion on New Education Policy” in Agriculture sector on 14<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at 2.30 PM. Dr A K Singh, Hon’ble Director, IARI, New Delhi Chaired the session in the august presence of Dr Rashmi Agrawal, Dean and Joint Director (Education), Dr. V.K. Singh, Joint Director (Extension) and other dignitaries. Dr D K Singh, Professor, Division of Agricultural Engineering, IARI, New Delhi delivered the talk.

Dr Singh have highlighted the major points of New Education Policy (NEP-2020) for higher educational institutions and their implications on IARI. The main points of discussion includes establishment of national research foundation which will provide reliable merit-based but equitable peer reviewed research funding for research in all discipline; initiation of undergraduate programme and redesign master programme at IARI; IARI have to become multidisciplinary by 2030 and increase the strength of students gradually; excellent work by faculty will be incentivized and faculty not delivering basic norms will be held responsible; IARI has opportunity to become model public universities for holistic and multidisciplinary education, at par with IIT’s IIMs etc; IARI will be administered by Higher Education Commission of India (HECI) which will constitute of Board of Governance for IARI to govern and make all decisions regarding the governance. Director suggested that we have to structure standard operation protocols for education programmes according to NEP. He emphasised that we have to start working on the aspect that to what extent we can go for incorporation of multidisciplinary nature in our courses. Director, Heads of Division, Professors and faculty had detailed discussion on various aspects / part of policy.