

MoU between ICAR AND NABARD

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With a view **to promote sustainable agriculture and climate-resilient farming systems**, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Board of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) **to facilitate the action research (the research carried out with the active participation of farmers to provide solutions for the challenges)** and up-scaling of the various technologies and innovative farmer models developed by the ICAR that includes the successful climate-resilient practices, models and integrated and hi-tech farming practices in a participatory model through adoptive research on watershed platform.

Key highlights of the MoU

- The MoU is for taking up
 1. The site-specific transfer of technologies under sustainable agriculture
 2. Integrated farming system
 3. Crop intensification
 4. Agro-forestry
 5. Plantation and horticulture
 6. Animal sciences,
 7. Agri-engineering, etc., including post-harvest technologies.
- Further, the ICAR through its large network will **support the training and capacity building of channel partners and NABARD Officers.**
- The initiative will strengthen the competence of channel partners under the promotional and developmental programmes of NABARD technology transfer under the climate-resilient agriculture, contingency and

adaptation planning.

- The ICAR will also help in the impact **evaluation of the NABARD assisted projects, DPR preparation for the climate change projects, farm mechanization, Agri-Incubation Centres / FPOs, and resource conservation, etc.**