

ICAR-sponsored training program on ‘Agrometeorological Data Collection, Analysis and Management’ for ICAR technical staff organized at ICAR-CRIDA

Training program on ‘Agrometeorological Data Collection, Analysis and Management’ was organized during 25 July-6 August at ICAR-CRIDA for technical staff of ICAR. The program was attended by 22 participants from 10 states and two union territories, representing various ICAR institutes. In the inaugural function, Dr P Vijaya Kumar, Program Director of the training gave a brief description of the training and its objectives. Dr Ch Srinivasa Rao, who presided over the function, highlighted the importance of Agrometeorology in this era of climate change and extreme weather events. He emphasized that there is a great role that technical officers to play in devising strategies to combat adverse effects of climate change in agriculture, especially through NICRA. Dr YS Ramakrishna, former Director of CRIDA, who was the chief guest of the function, described the history of development of Agrometeorology in India and the importance of weather data collection and analysis in the context of climate change. During the training period, the participants were exposed to lectures on various topics related to basic and applied aspects of agricultural meteorology, agromet data collection, practical sessions on data organization & analysis and field visits. The valedictory function was presided over by Dr Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director, CRIDA. Dr KJ Ramesh, Director General of Meteorology, India Meteorological Department was the chief guest of the function. He delivered a key note address on the climate change its prediction, impact and related advisory services. He also emphasized the current status of global climate change. Further, an ‘e-publication’ of lecture notes was released and the certificates and study materials were distributed to the participants by Dr KJ Ramesh, DGM, IMD and Dr Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director, CRIDA. The session ended with formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr AVM Subba Rao, Senior Scientist (Agromet).

