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“Indian agricultural human resources are second to none in the world and also in agricultural research and reaching out to farmers”, said Dr Peter Carberry, Director General, ICRISAT while speaking at the 43rd Foundation Day celebrations of NAARM.

He said Indian agriculture is endowed with best human talent, apart from supporting many subsidised programmes. India is leading in agricultural innovations, entrepreneurship, startups for farmers, he said. He felt agricultural research should aim at market-led and demand-driven products and services to witness further growth in the sector.

He called upon strong collaboration between ICAR institutions and ICRISAT for improving the livelihoods of small farmers -- not only in India but also sub-Saharan African region. Agriculture graduates should aim at career in agricultural research through innovation resulting in high impact among agriculture stakeholders, he advocated.

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, NAARM, said strong collaborations are further needed between ICRISAT and NAARM to lead the small farmer-centric agricultural research, besides evolving several polices. Annual and special recognition awards were presented to meritorious staff members across three categories - Scientific, Technical, Administration, Finance and Supporting staff. Read more