

## **The journey of BIRD at a Glance**

BIRD, LUCKNOW, is an ISO 9001: 2015 certified autonomous training institute promoted by NABARD for providing training, research & consultancy services in field of agriculture & rural development banking in India & Abroad. The timeline of BIRD since its inception is as under:

- 1983 - BIRD promoted by NABARD under its ambit.
- January 1985 – NABARD set up a study group, chaired by Dr. Kamla Chaudhary, to review training arrangement of BIRD and to advise measures for making BIRD an expert institution of high calibre and excellence so as to become a focal point for imparting purposeful education and training.
- 23 August 1986 – Study group submitted its report to NABARD in its 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- 13 May 1988 - 230<sup>th</sup> MC meeting of RBI discussed the study group recommendations w.r.t. BIRD to be an autonomous institute having organic link with NABARD and having commercial banks representation in its advisory committee.
- 29 December 1988 - NABARD's 42nd Board meeting decided to reorganise the BIRD.
- 19 October 1989 (NABARD's 49<sup>th</sup> Board meeting) & 16 July 1990 (NABARD's 55<sup>th</sup> Board meeting) considered arrangements for establishing BIRD as an autonomous institution.
- 21 March 1992 – BIRD Registered as society under Societies's registration Act
- 30 March 1992 - First Governing Council (GC) Meeting held in Conference Hall of RBI Central Office Building at Mumbai on 30 March 1992 with Chairman of NABARD as chairman of GC of BIRD.
- 17 April 1992 – BIRD commenced its operations as a society.
- Hosts four Centres of Excellence
  - i. 1 January 2008 - Centre for Research in Financial Inclusion in Microfinance (CRFIM)
  - ii. 4 September 2009-Centre for Professional Excellence in Cooperatives (C-PEC)
  - iii. 8 January 2018 – APRACA Centre for Excellence (ACE)
  - iv. 20 July 2018 - Centre for Climate Change (CCC).
- 2017-18 – launched elearning modules
- 2019-20 – Launched blended certificate course
- 17 April 2020 – Commenced webinar series.

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