



48th Meeting of Governing Council (GC) Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Lucknow

The 48th Meeting of the Governing Council of BIRD was held under the Chairmanship of Dr G R Chintala, Chairman, NABARD on 16 October 2020 at BIRD Campus, Lucknow. While Shri P V S Suryakumar, DMD, NABARD, Dr N Jeyaseelan, CEO, Virutcham Academy for Changemaker LLP and Special Invitee to GC - Shri Arun Shukla, CGM, HRMD, NABARD were present on the occasion, all the other Hon'ble members participated through online mode.

Shri S A Pande, Director, BIRD, Lucknow welcomed all the GC members and introduced new GC members. Chairman, in his introductory remarks, reminisced his past association with the Institute in various capacities. He appreciated the efforts of BIRD for its continued focus and engagement on capacity building and knowledge dissemination to various client institutions despite various constraints posed by the global pandemic. Outlining the broad contours of GC, he sought directions from the members regarding the emerging needs of capacity building, studies and other interventions that could be taken up by BIRD, especially in view of the disruptions caused by COVID pandemic. He also reiterated NABARD's commitment towards maintaining the state of BIRD as a Centre of Excellence.

During the meeting, besides the E-launch of Certificate Course on Value Chain Financing, Chairman also released Annual Report of BIRD for 2019-20, Journal on Micro Finance and 7 training manuals prepared by Centre for Climate Change in collaboration with GIZ.

Summing up the deliberations, Chairman, in his concluding address, thanked all the members for their valued contribution.

The meeting ended with a Vote of Thanks by Director BIRD, Lucknow.

Some photographs taken during the occasion -

