

50th Meeting of Governing Council (GC)

The 50th Meeting of the Governing Council of BIRD was held under the Chairmanship of Dr G.R. Chintala, Chairman, NABARD on 23 August 2021 at BIRD Campus, Lucknow. Shri P.V.S Suryakumar, DMD, NABARD, Dr N Jeyaseelan, CEO, Virutcham Academy for Changemaker LLP, Shri P Satish, Executive Director, Sa – Dhan, Shri K Ravinder Rao, Chairman, TSCAB & Chairman, NAFSCOB and Special Invitee to GC - Shri Nilay Kapoor, CGM, HRMD, NABARD attended the meeting from BIRD Campus, while the remaining GC members participated through online mode.

Shri Shankar A. Pande, Director, BIRD, Lucknow welcomed all the GC members and introduced three new GC members, viz. – Dr Umakant Dash, Director, IRMA; Dr. N Kumar, Vice Chancellor, TNAU and Shri K Ravinder Rao, Chairman NAFSCOB

Chairman, in his introductory remarks, appreciated the initiatives taken by BIRD, Lucknow for providing quality training inputs and experience sharing with field practitioners / subject experts - through online mode. Highlighting the changes brought in about by the pandemic, Chairman emphasised upon the need to adopt an appropriate mix of physical and digital capacity building interventions.

Chairman also advised that BIRD could facilitate capacity building of last mile institutions such as NGOs, CSOs, FPOs, etc. to take advantage of various developmental schemes and ensure percolation of benefits to people.

The Governing Council appreciated the studies undertaken by BIRD during the year and useful key findings from the same. Chairman advised that study findings should help in developing policy making and business products.

DMD advised BIRD to evolve simple/user friendly farming modules under FPO initiative.



Chairman, NABARD at GC Meeting of BIRD



Director proposing Agenda points



GC in progress



GC members attending the meeting online



DMD (PVSS) delivering concluding remarks