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Shri. Shankar A. Pande took over as the Director of the Institute on 03 July 2020.

He is a Post Graduate in Soil Science from Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi.

Shri Shankar A Pande as Chief General Manager headed key Corporate Departments at NABARD Head Office Mumbai viz. Dept. of Economic Analysis and Research, Farm Sector policy and Climate Change Department, State Projects Departments and Business Initiative Department. He has also headed two state offices of NABARD viz. J&K (as strategically important office) and Uttar Pradesh, the largest State Office (till date).

Earlier Shri Pande was a Faculty member at BIRD (2000-2006). He also worked as Business Head (Africa) NABARD consultancy services (NABCONS), Nairobi, Kenya. His proactive initiative with Ministry of External Affairs resulted in GoI awarding an assignment to NABCONS for setting up of Agriculture and Rural Development Institute in Malawi, Africa. Due to his marketing initiative, NABCONS won International Consultancy Assignment with UNOPS and Development Bank of Ethiopia. He created brand image for NABCONS/NABARD amongst Governments, Central Banks, Agri. Finance/Micro Finance/ International agencies in Africa.

He has served as Director on the Board of National e- Repository Limited (NeRL), a subsidiary of NCDEX; NABARD consultancy services (NABCONS), Bihar Gramin Bank, Chandrapur – Gadchiroli Gramin Bank, Jammu & Kashmir State Finance Corporation.

He has addressed key National and International events like Asia Pacific Financial Inclusion Summit; Indo Africa Cooperation in Agricultural Development at the Indo Africa business Forum, Nairobi, Kenya; Capacity Building in Micro Finance sector in India; Conference of Central Banks in Africa, Agrifinance Conference in Africa by USAID and GIZ; CoP-24, a Climate Change Conference in Poland, etc.

He has been a part of top decision making committees at NABARD level, besides various committees at State level. His article, '*Reform Farm Loans – The Digital and Retail Way*' was published in the Financial Express. His interview has also been published in the Indian Express newspaper.