



## **51<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Governing Council (GC)**

### **Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Lucknow**

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The 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Governing Council of BIRD was held under the Chairmanship of Dr G R Chintala, Chairman, NABARD on 25 March 2022 at BIRD Campus, Lucknow. K Ravinder Rao, Chairman, TSCAB & Chairman NAFSCOB; Shri P Satish, Executive Director, Sa – Dhan; Shri J C Mishra, CGM (Retd.), NABARD; Dr N Jeyaseelan, CEO, Virutcham Academy for Changemaker LLP and Special Invitee to GC - Shri Nilay Kapoor, CGM, HRMD, NABARD were personally present on the occasion, all the other Hon'ble members participated through online mode.

Shri Shankar A. Pande, Director, BIRD, Lucknow welcomed all the Governing Council members.

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 - during the pandemic period. Emphasising the need to adopt an appropriate mix of physical and digital capacity building interventions, Chairman also emphasised the need to be take cognizance of the fact that most of the banks are now having their own training establishments and BIRD's capacity building inputs need to factor this aspect and focus on designing training programmes to address the requirements of the ecosystem.

During the meeting, Chairman outlined the need to rope in new partners, focus on collaborative programmes – especially in the areas of cooperative banking, PACS Computerisation, FPOs, climate change, etc.

Director, BIRD initiated the proceedings by highlighting major initiatives and achievements since the last Governing Council Meeting. He also proposed detailed agenda items to the G.C members. Key highlights of major studies undertaken by BIRD were also presented to the Governing Council.

On the occasion, Chairman also released 04 publications by BIRD viz. (i) A compilation of findings of select studies, workshops & webinars; (ii) Study Report on FPOs; (iii) Aggregation Model for Small-holder Farmers by APRACA Centre of Excellence; (iv) BIRD's CLIMATE LENS by Centre for Climate Change

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 –



Director BIRD welcoming Chairman NABARD



Chairman, NABARD delivering inaugural address



Director proposing Agenda points



GC members attending the meeting online



Chairman releasing FPO Study report



Chairman releasing Climate Change Bulletin



Chairman releasing compilation of findings of select studies, workshops & webinars



Chairman releasing APRACA publication