

NAARM's 5th PGDM-Agri Business Management Convocation: Honoring Excellence and Empowering Future Agri-Leaders

The National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad, celebrated its 5th Convocation Ceremony for the Post Graduate Diploma in Management (Agri-Business Management) (PGDM-ABM) on April 26, 2025. This significant event marked the academic achievements of 176 students from the 2021-23, 2022-24, and 2023-25 batches, who were awarded their diplomas in the presence of nearly 400 attendees, including faculty, staff, and proud parents.

Padma Bhushan awardee Dr RS Paroda, Former Secretary (DARE) and Director General (ICAR), and Chairman of the Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi, was the Chief Guest, who delivered the convocation address. Dr Paroda congratulated all graduates and encouraged them to dedicate their efforts to the betterment of the farming community, highlighting the importance of leadership and innovation in the agri-business sector.



The Guests of Honor included Dr A Janaiah, Vice Chancellor of PJTAU, Hyderabad; Mr N K Rajavelu, CEO of Crop Protection Business at Godrej Agrovet Limited; and Dr Mangi Lal Jat, Secretary (DARE) and Director General (ICAR). Dr RC Agrawal, Director of NAARM and Deputy Director General



(Education), ICAR, conferred diplomas upon the graduating students, and the event commenced with a warm welcome address by Dr Gopal Lal, Joint Director, ICAR-NAARM.

Academic excellence was celebrated with the awarding of Gold Medals to Ms Alana Raphy, Ms Samhitha Padhi, and Ms Seeram Supriya, while the Director's Medals were presented to Mr. Umnag Kumar Shyam, Mr Vinay Kumar, and Mr Monish Gowda.



The PGDM-ABM program at NAARM is nationally recognized, approved by AICTE, and accredited by NBA. It attracts students from 16 states and 23 universities, reflecting its pan-India reach and commitment to excellence in agri-business management. Notably, the program has seen a rise in women's participation, with over 50% female enrollment in the 2023-25 batch. NAARM continues to play a vital role in strengthening capacity for agricultural research, education, and extension, and serves as a think tank for the National Agricultural Research and Education System (NARES).

The convocation underscored NAARM's ongoing dedication to nurturing future leaders in agri-business, fostering innovation, and supporting the sustainable growth of the agricultural sector.

