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Dr Paroda Inaugurated Workshop on NICRA-TDC Review and Future Roadmap at ICAR-CRIDA

ICAR-CRIDA, Hyderabad, successfully organized a crucial three-day Workshop on NICRA-Technology Demonstration Component (TDC) Review and Future Roadmap from October 30 to November 01, 2025.

Dr R S Paroda, Chairman, TAAS and former Secretary, DARE and former DG, ICAR, was the Chief Guest of the inaugural session of the workshop. The other dignitaries for the inaugural program are Dr A K Nayak, Deputy Director General (Natural Resource Management), ICAR, Dr Rajbir Singh, Deputy Director General (Agricultural Extension), ICAR and Dr AK Singh, Former DDG (NRM), ICAR. In his address, Dr Paroda strongly emphasized the need for a holistic approach to effectively minimize the impact of climate change and manage extreme weather events. He delivered a clear action mandate, urging participants to ensure promising technologies are incorporated into district action plans, guaranteeing their smooth integration into broader developmental programs.



Furthermore, he offered significant policy recommendations, including the development of robust land use planning maps to serve as a vital tool for policymakers. To build stronger agricultural defenses, Dr Paroda also stressed the necessity of strengthening the weather advisory system and contingency plans for enhancing overall agricultural resilience.



The workshop was jointly organized by ICAR-CRIDA, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), the Indian Society of Dryland Agriculture (ISDA), and ICAR, New Delhi, to consolidate key learnings from the NICRA-TDC's last five

years and refine strategies for the next phase. About 350 delegates including Directors from ATARIs, ICAR institutes, Nodal Scientists, ZMC Members, KVKs, and Young Professionals from across India.

The three-day workshop was focused on the major challenge of climate change and its impact on farmer livelihoods, specifically through the strategic application of climate-smart technologies.

A core theme of the review was the significant Scale of NICRA-TDC (National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture - Technology Demonstration Component). This initiative has successfully been

implemented through 151 *Krishi Vigyan Kendras* (KVKs) across 33 states, substantially enhancing the adaptive capacity of farmers via location-specific interventions.

The event demonstrated broad national support, drawing in approximately 350 delegates including Directors from ATARIs, ICAR institutes, Nodal Scientists, ZMC Members, KVKs, and Young Professionals from across India. The deliberations held promise for the future, as the Outcome is set to guide stakeholders in shaping the next phase of this national initiative, especially in formulating strategies for 'Leveraging NICRA Initiative for *Pradhan Mantri Dhan Dhaanya Krishi Yojana* (PMDDKY).

