

Dr.R.S. Paroda Emphasises Innovative Approaches for Climate-Smart Agriculture at NICRA-ITD Workshop held at ICAR–ATARI, Hyderabad

As part of the National Workshop on Technology Demonstration Component (TDC) under the NICRA Programme, Dr. R. S. Paroda, Former Secretary (DARE) & Director General (ICAR) and Chairman, TAAS & AEPsA Advisory Committee, New Delhi, visited ICAR–ATARI, Hyderabad on 30th October 2025.

Dr. Paroda interacted with and guided the scientific staff and project professionals of ICAR–ATARI, Hyderabad, emphasizing the importance of innovative approaches in technology demonstration and adaptive research for climate-smart agriculture. Dr. Rajbir Singh, DDG (Extension), ICAR; Dr. A.K.Nayak, DDG (NRM), ICAR and ATARI Zonal Directors participated in the programme.

During the interaction, **Dr. Paroda appreciated the commendable work of ICAR–ATARI, Hyderabad** under the NICRA–TDC and other programmes. He lauded the institute's effective coordination and monitoring of **72 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)** across **Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry**, for their significant role in promoting climate-resilient and sustainable agricultural technologies at the grassroots level.

Dr. Paroda also commended ATARI Hyderabad's initiatives in advancing **integrated farming systems, resource conservation, and capacity-building programmes** for farmers and field functionaries. He noted that the institute's efforts in **technology refinement, validation, and upscaling** have greatly contributed to enhancing **farm productivity, climate risk management, and livelihood resilience** in the region. Dr. Paroda encouraged the team to continue their innovative and farmer-centric approaches to further strengthen agricultural research and development in southern India. During his visit, Dr. Paroda, along with dignitaries, participated in a plantation drive organized at the institute premises, symbolizing a shared commitment toward environmental sustainability and climate-resilient agriculture.