

Workshop on National Agroforestry Policy at NASC complex, PUSA on 05.04.2024

The ICAR in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare organized Workshop on National Agroforestry Policy on 5th April, 2024. The workshop was chaired by Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR and it was co-chaired by Dr. S.K. Chaudhari, Deputy Director General (NRM), ICAR. The workshop was attended by ~50 participants from various organizations such as FAO-India, UNEP-India, CIFOR-ICRAF, MOEFCC, GIZ-India, etc. Dr. A. Arunachalam, Director, ICAR-CAFRI presented overview of the Agroforestry Policy. This was followed by a Panel Discussion consisting of experts from government, academia, professionals, industry and CSOs. The deliberations led to fruitful outcome in the form of strategies and reforms as required to realise the full potential of the national agroforestry policy. Dr. Himanashu Pathak in his opening remarks emphasized the need to have targeted action plan to this effect. Dr. Pathak also released the Policy Paper - Scientific Social Responsibility on Agroforestry on the occasion. Broadly, the discussions dwelt upon 3 goals, 6 objectives and 10 strategies of the National Agroforestry Policy and identified the gap areas for building the future roadmap. Dr. S.K. Chaudhari suggested that this discussion forum comes up with workable recommendations that could be further discussed and submitted to the Ministry. The programme was coordinated by Dr. A.K. Handa; Mr. Suresh Ramanan S, Dr. B.P. Bhatt and Dr. Rakesh Kumar.



