

Online workshop of All India Fodder Production Officers: *Kharif*

ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi was organized online workshop on “*All India Fodder Production Officers: Kharif*” from 23rd to 26th June 2020. The workshop was organized as a part of National Initiative for Accelerating Fodder Technology Adoption (NIAFTA). The main objective of workshop was to disseminate advances in fodder production and conservation technologies of *kharif* fodder crops.

Dr Tilak Raj Sharma, Hon'ble Deputy Director General (Crop Science), ICAR, inaugurated the workshop. He highlighted the need to popularize forage technologies for enhancing the farmer's income and increasing productivity of livestock. The seed/planting material production of the forage crops and range grasses



should be focused. He also emphasized on the challenges in fodder production during COVID 19 pandemic and the role of Extension and Social Sciences Research in addressing them.

Dr. V.K. Yadav, Director, ICAR-IGFRI, Jhansi emphasized on various new initiatives being taken for augmenting the fodder resources in the country.

The major focus areas of workshop were research advances in *kharif* fodder both in intensive and rainfed production system, grassland and pasture development, seed production and processing, fodder conservation and utilization and farm mechanization. More than **180** participants from Agriculture Universities, KVKs, State Department (Agriculture and Animal Husbandry), Forest Department, NGOs officials have participated in the workshop.

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