

## National Nursery Assessment and Accreditation Committee



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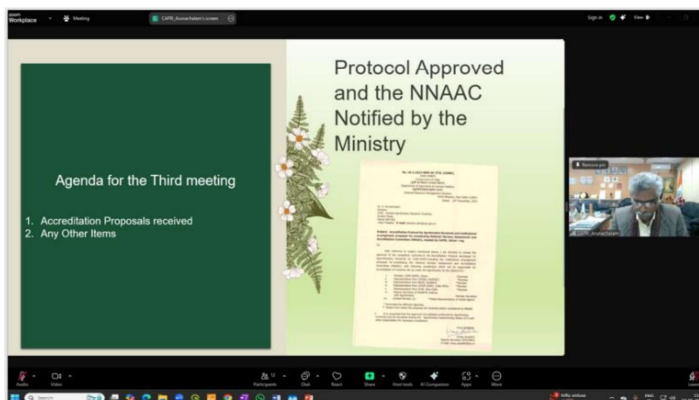
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### Proceedings of the 3<sup>rd</sup> National Nursery Assessment and Accreditation Committee (NNAAC) Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (Virtual Mode)

The following members attended the meeting:

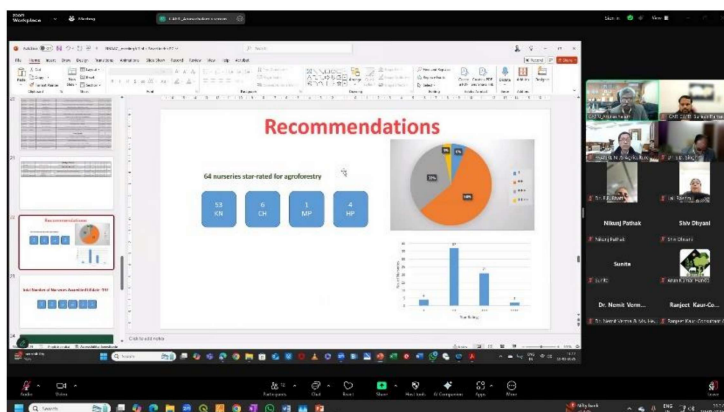
1. Dr. Franklin L. Khobung IFS, Jt. Secretary (NRM), MoA&FW, Govt. of India
2. Dr. A. Arunachalam, Chairman, NNAAC
3. Dr. S.K. Dhyani, CIFOR-ICRAF India Office
4. Dr. S.D. Singh IFS, NRAA
5. Dr. B.P. Bhatt, ICAR
6. Dr. A.K. Handa, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CAFRI
7. Mr. Suresh Ramanan, S. Scientist, ICAR-CAFRI
8. Ms. Lali Rashmi, Assistant Commissioner-Agroforestry, NRM, DoA&FW
9. Dr. Nemit Verma, Consultant, GIM, NAEB, MoEF&CC
10. Ms. Hemlata Bhardwaj, Consultant, GIM, NAEB, MoEF&CC
11. Nikunj Pathak, Environmental Consultant at MoEF&CC
12. Ranjeet Kaur, Consultant (GIS/MIS), MoEF&CC
13. Ms. Sunita, Assistant Commissioner, NAEB, MoEF & CC

The 3<sup>rd</sup> NNAAC meeting began with a welcome note and briefing on the meeting's objectives by the Chairman. The agenda for the meeting was the status of capacity-building efforts across states and a review of accreditation proposals received to date. This meeting has full house representation of all members. The opening remarks by the Joint Secretary Dr Franklin L Khobung, IFS who appreciated the efforts on ICAR-CAFRI in implementing the Accreditation Protocol of Agroforestry nurseries.



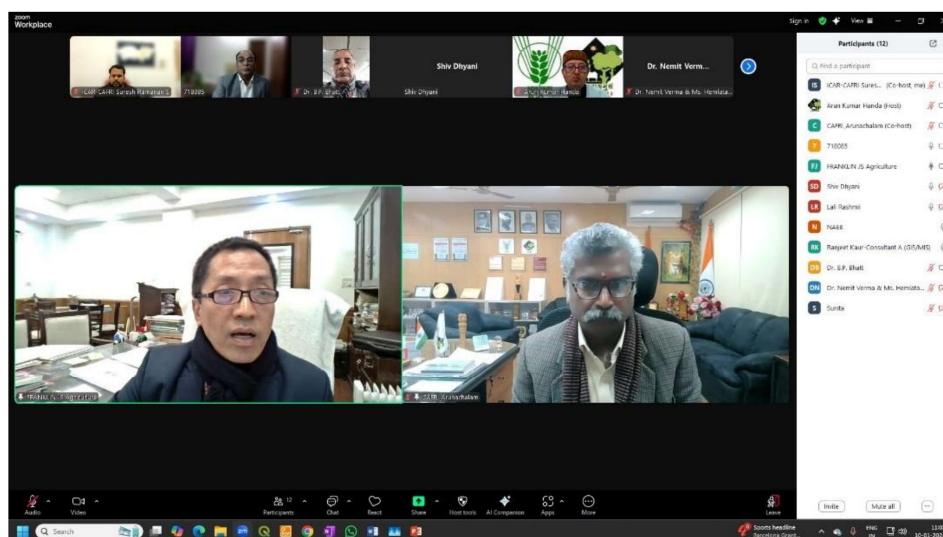
A detailed presentation was made by the Chairman of the NNAAC Dr. A. Arunachalam, Director, ICAR-Central Agroforestry Research Institute, Jhansi, which presented the details on the training of master trainers as part of the capacity building activity of the ICAR-CAFRI. As of date, about 339 candidates identified by the state nodal agency (implementation of the RKVY-Agroforestry scheme) have been trained and the trainer composition includes

departmental officials, range forest officers, retired forest officers and university professors. So far, the Master Training programs have been organized for Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Manipur, Nagaland, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Rajasthan, Mizoram, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu



The NNAAC reviewed the implementation of the Accreditation Protocol, process of issuing accreditation certificates, and updated the progress of the nursery accreditation *per se*. Eventually, the National Nursery Assessment and Accreditation Committee's considered the 69 proposals/applications from different States for suitable recommendations for star rating.

The Committee after careful consideration and technical vetting by the experts unanimously recommended 64 out of 69 applications as received from states like Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh for star rating. Additional information shall be requested on the 5 deferred proposals from the respective state nodal agency.



During the meeting, it was emphasized that states should identify and send selected individuals for the Training of Trainers program to expedite the implementation of nursery accreditation processes. Additionally, it was proposed that the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare organize a national-level review meeting with all State Nodal Agencies. This meeting would serve as a platform to address and deliberate on challenges, and motivate enhanced participation in the nursery accreditation initiative, ensuring a collaborative and streamlined approach across the country.

In his closing remarks, Dr. Franklin L. Khobung expressed action and efforts of the NNAAC committee and the efforts of ICAR-CAFRI taken towards realising the commitment of the government to ensure the availability of QPM for promoting Agroforestry across the country.

He also emphasized upon the extending the Accreditation Protocol to be adopted for Private and other types of Nurseries also.

The meeting ended with thanks to all.