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**Recommendations of the committee on “Re-aligning of activities of various disciplines
under different SMDs of ICAR”.**

The committee constituted for “Re-aligning of activities of various disciplines under different SMDs of ICAR” held two meetings on 30th January and 15th February, 2023 in virtual mode under the Chairmanship of Dr. A.K. Singh, Vice Chancellor, RLBCAU, Jhansi. The approved points from the meetings are summarized as under.

It was realized that the work related to one SMD is also being carried out by the Institutes belonging to other SMDs. Hence, the outcomes of such activities are most of the times not available to most closely related or concerned SMDs. Further, the significant achievements of such scattered work go unnoticed and thus, create less visibility of the contributions made by ICAR. The Committee agreed for re-aligning different activities being carried out by the Institutes working under different SMDs so that better visibility and improved resource utilization can be ensured in line of One ICAR.

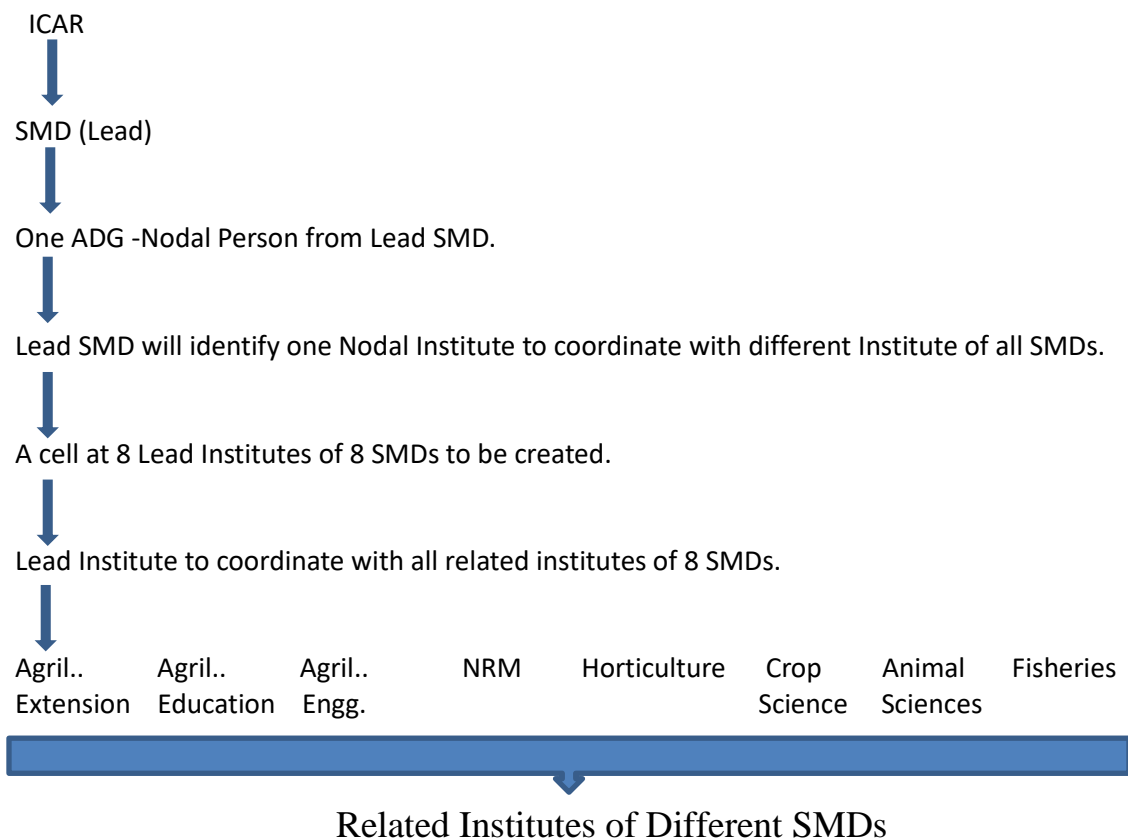
The goal of re-alignment of activities being carried out by the Institutes of other SMDs can be achieved as:

1. Priority areas need to be identified by each SMD which could be shared with all other SMDs during Annual Planning Meeting of all concerned institutes.
2. Lead SMD may oversee the work or activities being carried out by the Institutes (ICAR Institutes and Deemed Universities) belonging to other SMDs.
3. Lead SMD may collate salient achievements for identified priority areas and for additional ones related to other SMDs.
4. Lead SMD may organize meetings in physical or virtual mode using Digital platform:
 - (i) Annual Planning Meeting to share identified priority areas and activities by each of the SMDs.
 - (ii) Annual Review Meeting to collate salient achievements, discuss progress and share outcomes.
5. **Establishment of Digital platform.** A digital platform should be created by ICAR for sharing priority of areas, activities and achievements and outcomes in terms of varieties, technologies, processes, methodologies, patents, scientific information, outreach programmes, and organization of events related to priority areas etc.
6. **Nodal Person to be nominated at each SMD:** One Assistant Director General can be the Nodal Person at each SMD level. Similarly, one Institute has to be identified by each SMD to establish a Cell and coordinate the activities. One of the Principal Scientist should be nominated as Nodal officer at Nodal Institutes to collect, collate and share information from and to all Institutes. One Technical Person should also be attached with the Nodal

Officer at Nodal Institute. However, lead SMD may have its own way of monitoring through one ADG/Institute.

7. The Directors of the Institutes of other SMDs may invite expert in IRCs from Institutes of Lead SMD and from KVKs who are located nearby to get feedback on the performance of technologies and the problems existing in the area.
8. The reporting may be made season-wise, once for *Kharif* and other for *Rabi* in a year.
9. **Operational procedure:** Nodal Officer of Nodal Institute of a particular SMD will collect and collate information for onward submission to the ADG for further sharing with different SMDs.

10. The Structure for planning, overseeing and reporting may be as under:



SMDs and activities for realigning

Funds are also being utilized by all the Institutes across the SMDs for livelihood security and promotion of agriculture and allied sector through SC and ST communities but the information is often not available with all SMDs for the areas/activities these SDMs are responsible. The other examples are as:

SMD	Activities	Other Institutes
Agriculture Education	Education, Economics and Statistics.	ICAR Institutes and Deemed Universities are working for niche areas
Agriculture Extension	Conducting Demonstrations, OFTs, organizing Farmers Fair, Field days, Capacity Building, stakeholders training, Extension Research etc.,	Almost all ICAR Institutes and Deemed Universities are working but mostly information is collected from KVKs only.
Animal Sciences	Research on animal nutrition and physiology and assessment of quality of feed and fodder	Many ICAR Institutes and Deemed Universities are doing experiments
Fisheries	Fish farming as a component to FSR	ICAR Institutes and Deemed Universities are doing experiments
Agril. Engineering	Small farm, post harvesting and processing machineries development.	ICAR Institutes and Deemed Universities are involved
NRM	Soil, Water, Climate Resilience, Sustainability and Weed Management.	ICAR Institutes working under Crop Sciences and Horticulture Division and Deemed Universities are working
Crop Sciences	Development of varieties; phenotyping to select donors having traits of importance against abiotic stresses; herbicide tolerance	Many ICAR Institutes belonging to NRM and Deemed Universities are working
Horticulture	Development of varieties; phenotyping to select donors having traits of importance	Many ICAR Institutes belonging to NRM, Crop Sciences and Deemed Universities are developing dual purpose (varieties of grain legumes etc.)