



4. National Agricultural Innovation Project

National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) is the next step towards attaining excellence in science, utilizing science for commerce and using science for enhancing rural livelihood security through integration of technology orientation with agricultural economy orientation. The project thus responds to objectives of Government of India as well as of World Bank, as have been expressed in their main policy documents. The project is planned for 6 years and has been launched on 26 July 2006. The objectives, targets and achievements are given below.

Objectives

The overall objective of the project is to facilitate the accelerated and sustainable transformation of Indian agriculture in support of poverty alleviation and income generation by collaborative development and application of agricultural innovations by the public organizations in partnership with farmers' groups, private sector and other stakeholders. The specific objectives are to:

- build the critical capacity of the NARS as a catalyzing agent for management of change.
- promote production to consumption systems in priority areas/themes to enhance productivity, nutrition, profitability, income and employment.
- improve livelihood security of rural people living in disadvantaged regions through innovation system led by

National Agricultural Innovation Project Launching Workshop was attended by Dr Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Shri Sharad Pawar, Dr Mangala Rai and Rachid Benmessoud



technology encompassing wider process of social and economic change covering all stakeholders.

- build capacity and undertake basic research in strategic areas to meet technology development challenges in the immediate and predictable future.

Targets

- Completion of pre-project preparation requirements
- Initiation and finalization of a few sponsored programmes/activities
- Initiation of activities to support research consortia under Components 2, 3 and 4 through competitive approach.

Achievements

- Thrust areas of Components 1, 2 and 4 identified.
- Disadvantaged districts (150) of Component 3 identified.
- Environmental and Social Management Framework developed and put on the ICAR website.
- Project Implementation Plan (PIP) developed and put on the ICAR website.
- Project Management Committees, National Steering Committee, Project Management Committee, Research Programme Committee, Organization and Management Programme Committee, constituted and have become functional.

Shri Sharad Pawar (Minister of Agriculture) unveiled the NAIP logo





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Shri Sharad Pawar (Minister of Agriculture) released the book *National Agricultural Innovation Project*

- Twenty sensitization workshops organized in different parts of the country covering about 1,200 stakeholders.
- FAQs as an outcome of workshops developed and available on the ICAR website.
- Technical Advisory Groups in respect of Research Components 2, 3 and 4 constituted.
- Six concept notes developed, under sponsored mode of NAIP Component 3, were discussed in first RPC meeting and sent for peer review.
- The procurement consultant is in place.
- The progress for undertaking major consultancies is satisfactory.
- The sub-projects under Component 1 are being prepared and discussed in the first O&MPC meeting held on 17 October 2006.
- Organization and Management Advisory Groups (O&MAG) constituted.
- Notification for Concept Note call under NAIP Components 2, 3 and 4 released.