

**Report of the Symposium on ‘Group Dynamics of Small holder Farmers’**  
**held on 16.02.2019 at ICAR-NDRI-SRS, Bangalore**

A Symposium was held at SRS of ICAR-NDRI, Bangalore on 16.2.19 as a part of the on-going NABARD Project on ‘Group Dynamics of Small holder Farmers (2016-19)’. The Symposium was participated by researchers, academicians, personnel from KVKs, farmers and research scholars, totalling to 77 delegates. Dr S. Rajendra Prasad, Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore was the Chief Guest. Dr S. Ayyappa, NABARD Chair Professor welcomed the participants and gave a brief account of the project highlighting the objectives and the work carried out during the period. He also indicated the focal issues to be addressed during the deliberations. The progress of work in respect of the on-going projects was presented by resource persons, KVK personnel and project associates including one farmer sharing the field experience. During the open session, suggestions for improvement were invited from the participants and the same were deliberated. Dr. Lalith Achoth, Former Professor, KVAFSU, Bangalore, Dr. K.P. Ramesha, Head, SRS, ICAR-NDRI, Dr. Rajendra Hegde, Head, ICAR-NBSSLUP, Bangalore, Dr. Chandre Gowda, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Bangalore, Dr. Raghavendra Bhatta, Director, ICAR-NIANP and Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Vice-Chancellor, UAS, Bangalore shared their views on the Group Dynamics of Small holder Farmers.

Important recommendations emerged from the symposium include;

- Small farmers need to adopt ‘Integrated Farming Systems’ approach for stabilizing and enhancing the farm income through suitable alternate agricultural production systems.
- There is a strong need for ‘Integration and convergence of Knowledge and Information systems’ among various developmental organizations involved in Technology development and dissemination for facilitating improved access to the same.
- A policy support from State and Central Governments for developing rural infrastructure including efficient irrigation systems and access to market must receive greater focus besides the fiscal incentives.

## Glimpses of Symposium

