

We @ BIRD – OCT-DEC 2018

BIRD Lucknow goes Digital through Online Access to Training Resources

Smt T.S. Raji Gain, Director, BIRD - Lucknow, in the presence of Shri Raj Kumar, Joint Director, Faculty Members and the trainees, launched a digital initiative on 8 October 2018 by introducing a system for online access to Training Resources by the trainees through a digital platform hosted on its website viz., **Training Resource & Alert Management System (TRAMS)**. Under this system, all training resources (such as reading material, hand-outs, presentations, videos etc.) are being uploaded on BIRD website and are be accessible to all the nominated participants for a particular programme. The access is through credentials generated and provided in the form of SMS alerts to the participants. With this system, BIRD Lucknow has discontinued providing training material in printed form, thus saving the cost as well an environment friendly move.

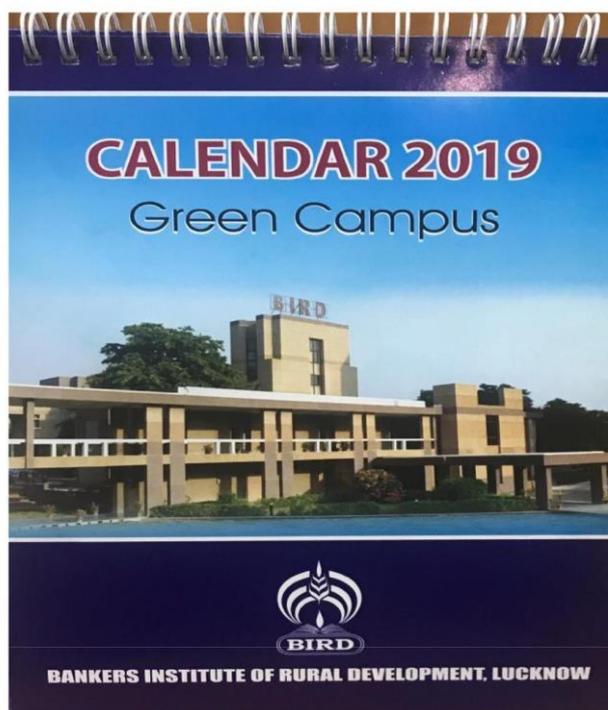


Unveiling of BIRD Desk Calendar 2019

Smt. T S Raji Gain, Director, BIRD, Lucknow unveiled the BIRD Desk Calendar 2019 on 26 December 2018. Shri Raj Kumar, Joint Director, Dr. RR Sinha, AIC and other officers were also present on the occasion

Review Meeting of 'RRBs in Focus' on December 14, 2018 at Bankers Institute of Rural Development, Lucknow.

The second Review Meeting of 'RRBs in Focus' covering 16 RRBs from Northern, Central, Western and Southern Regions for the current Financial Year was held at Bankers



Institute of Rural Development, Lucknow on December 14, 2018. It was attended by the Chairmen of RRBs and Senior Executives from the Sponsor Banks. Shri Kaushal Kishore, DGM, IDD, NABARD, welcomed the participants to the meeting. Shri. R. Amalorpavanathan, DMD, NABARD, in his inaugural address called upon the RRBs to not only identify the areas of concern but also the major symptoms of the same. He highlighted



that RRBs need to be more efficient, in view of the competition being faced from new institutions in the market. Smt. Sarita Arora, CGM, IDD, NABARD, made a detailed presentation covering areas of concern for 'RRBs in Focus'. This was followed by presentations by individual RRBs on Monitorable Action Plans (MAPs) based on Performance Assessment Reports (PARs) generated through ENSURE. Shri. R. Amalorpavanathan, DMD, NABARD delivered the inaugural address

Comprehensive Turnaround (CTA) Project for Cooperative Banks

As a part of action plan for implementing Comprehensive Turnaround Project for Cooperative Banks, C-PEC at BIRD Lucknow organized 02 Training Cum Workshop for the Mentors from RO of NABARD and Nodal Officers from the Cooperative Banks [StCB/DCCBs] selected for the Turn Around project. The main objective of the workshop was to arrive at common strategy for turnaround of 'C' and 'D' Category Cooperative Banks based on weakness identified by the bank to enable them to improve the ratings from "D" to "B" and "C" to "A". First training cum workshop was conducted at BIRD, Lucknow during 12-16 November 2018. 11 Banks along with the mentor officers from NABARD Regional Offices from States of West Bengal, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Manipur participated in the same.





Second Training cum workshop was conducted from 03rd to 07th December 2018 at BIRD, Mangalore. Participants from Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Odisha, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Goa and Gujarat 04 StCBs from Puducherry, Arunachal Pradesh Jharkhand & Goa and 24 DCCBs from 13 States participated in the Workshop along with the mentor officers from NABARD Regional Officers.

Sh. R. Amlorpavanathan, DMD, NABARD addressed the participants of the workshop and in his inaugural address, he exhorted Banks to identify key critical areas which if attended to, would lead to improvement in the financial strength, quality of management, business strategies and their ability to sustain themselves in the competitive environment. Further, he advised all the banks to have an efficient Cash Management System and also for fixing of the rate of interest factoring various risk, fund cost, negative carrying cost on the CRR and the risk profile of the borrower. He also emphasized the need for ensuring investment prudently so as to get optimum yields without taking unwanted and undue risk.

The workshop was coordinated by Dr Sudhanshu K K Mishra, In-charge C-PEC, BIRD, Lucknow along with Sh.KR Shankar, faculty, BIRD, Mangalore.

Chairman released CRFIM Study Report



Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, Chairman NABARD released the study report on **“Provision of CBS plus Services in STCCS: Opportunities and Issues from Supply and Demand Sides”** during the Business Plan Meet on 12 October 2018. The study was conducted by the Centre for Research on Financial Inclusion and Microfinance (CRFIM), BIRD Lucknow, under the guidance of DFIBT, NABARD HO. The report elaborates the issues being faced by the Cooperative banks and also the impact of computerization on the operation and business of banks. The findings of the study are majority of customers (95%) find that number and quality of banking services have increased due to CBS implementation. 63% of customers have Debit Card or KCC, 39% have used RTGS/ NEFT services, 13% have Mobile Banking facility and 1% have online/Internet banking access. There has been varying trend across banks regarding the impact of CBS on their financial performance with a positive orientation. Due to CBS implementation, the cooperative banks could retain their customers and business.

Chairman Inaugurates Roof-Top Grid-Connected PV Solar Power Plant at NBSC and BIRD, Lucknow Campus



Hon'ble Chairman Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala inaugurated roof-top grid connected PV solar power project installed at NBSC and BIRD- Lucknow during 69th Business Plan Meet at NBSC, Lucknow on 13th October 2018, in the presence of DMD (RA), Director BIRD, Principal NBSC, CGM DPSP, CGMs/OICs of different ROs/HODs. The solar panels have been set up on roof tops of BIRD office building, multipurpose hall and hostel blocks. Project covers a total area of 893 sqr mtrs. Under this model the entire system is owned, operated and maintained by the developer and the responsibility of lifetime Operation & Maintenance for the system rests with the developer. The electricity generated will be purchased at a pre-decided tariff of Rs. 3.84 per unit for next 25 years. The system will enable a saving of approx. Rs. 4.16 per unit as compared to prevailing commercial electricity tariff rates being paid to the DISCOM, which translates into approximately Rs. 6.00 lakh per year. Besides saving on

electricity cost, the project will result in reduction of CO2 emission to the extent of 140.525 tonnes per year.

International Programme on Financing of Inclusive Agriculture and Rural Development

An International Programme on Financing of Inclusive Agriculture and Rural Development sponsored by MEA, GoI under ITEC was conducted during 22 October 2018 to 2 November 2018. A total number of 30 participants from 19 countries participated in the program. In order to provide the participants an insight of Indian Living and Family systems, the participants, in groups of 3-4 participants, were hosted by faculty members with evening tea. It was appreciated by all the participants.



NABARD-GIZ – Signing of Agreements on SEWOH II & Climate Change Centre at BIRD, Lucknow – 05 November 2018

A team comprising of Mr Konrad Uebelhor, Director; Mr Farhad Vania, Portfolio Advisor to Country Director, GIZ and Dr Indraneel Ghosh, Senior Advisor, ProSoil Project, visited NABARD, HO on 05 November 2018 to sign the tripartite Implementation Agreement between GIZ, NABARD & BIRD-Lucknow for setting up **Centre of Excellence for Capacity Development on Climate Finance at BIRD, Lucknow**. The cooperation has an allocation of Euro 1 million under this project

Engagement of ABRD architect firm by GIZ for site visit and inputs on Classroom design at CCC, BIRD was undertaken during October 2018 for execution of class room design based on design prepared by the German Architect has been finalized. It includes construction and redesign of classroom.

Consultancy / Collaboration with other Institutes

IFAD, along with the Govt. of Uttarakhand is implementing the Integrated Livelihoods Support Project [ILSP] for supporting Producer Groups in Uttarakhand State. BIRD has submitted a bid for consultancy assignment for conduct of ToTs for Master Trainers

covering various topics related to Governance, Business Planning, Marketing and Decision Making for the group members.

Retirements, new joining & sad demise:

Sh M.K. Pathak, DGM and Sh Jane Alam, Manager, retired from the services on 31 December 2018.

Sh B.N. Hembram, retired GM-NABARD, joined the services of BIRD-Lucknow as Faculty on Contract.

Shri Rakesh Goel, AGM & Administrative Officer of BIRD left for heavenly abode on 10th October 2018.

