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Greetings from PIU-NAIP and best wishes for a happy and prosperous new year 2012.

Dear Consortia PIs and Co-PIs,

The year 2011 is approaching its end and the year 2012 is drawing nearer. We all celebrate new year. On such occasion we introspect on what we planned and actually achieved during the year gone by, drawing lessons on what more could have been achieved and our resolve on plan to do in the new year. The year 2011 for NAIP was more of achievements than shortfalls. It gives me immense pleasure in sharing some highlights of the year. Some of these are:

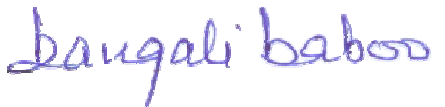
i) Rice Knowledge Management Portal (RKMP) providing complete information on rice sector was inaugurated on July 16, 2011 in the presence of Prime Minister of India. The portal contains largest database on a single crop in the world; ii) Operationalized online e-publishing of ICAR journals resulting into timely publication, enhancing impact factor of journals and science citation index of research articles; iii) Free online access to advanced statistical software SAS on scientists desktop in the entire NARS; iv) To provide uniform and quality learning material to compliment formal education, 12 e-courses launched on July 16, 2011. This effort aims at fast and low cost method to increase outreach to students/colleges/universities. By now about 100 courses are complete; v) About 500 scientists trained abroad in state of art laboratories abroad in frontier areas of agricultural sciences; vi) Nutritious products developed from millets through NAIP attracted Govt. of India attention to promote revival of millets as nutricereals in mid-day meal scheme. An agreement with multinational firm Britannia signed for marketable products; vii) Value-chain on linseed, a rainfed crop, has been improved by developing omega-3 soft gel, biscuits, poultry feed as also getting omega-3 rich poultry eggs; viii) "m-Krishi" a mobile phone based fisheries advisory service launched in Raigad district of Maharashtra provides longitude, latitude, depth and distance from sea shore at which fish is available. This technology helped fishermen save fuel, time, and enhanced fish catch. It saves more than 50,000 litres of diesel/month; ix) Redgram (BSMR-736) variety with transplanting technology introduced in Bidar district of Karnataka enhanced yield

from 1.2 to 2.2 t and income by ₹ 35,000/ha; x) Flexi rubber dam costing ₹ 30,000-35,000 for an existing check dam facilitated one assured crop (*kharif*) during dry spell/drought and life saving irrigation during *rabi*, around small rivulutes in Odisha. xi) Physical infrastructure at 23 centres for ASRB online examinations created in the country; xii) Seeing good implementation progress the World Bank, Ministry of Finance and the Planning Commission have concurred project extension till June 30, 2014; xiii) During the year implementation progress was satisfactory.

Everyone of you has contributed to this progress. Support, guidance and ownership of the project by ICAR management especially Dr. S. Ayyapan, Secretary, DARE and D.G., ICAR was critical in achieving progress. On behalf of PIU-NAIP, I thank all of you for contributing to project progress. Everyone in PIU is eager to build further on the momentum that the project has built during 2010 and 2011 and strive to achieve still better performance and outputs in 2012.

During the year we have some achievements to feel proud. However, there have been some lessons that attracted my attention. Some of these which need our attention as well are: effective communication, technology validation, capturing innovation, upscaling high pay-off interventions, increasing number of patents and research publications, and mainstreaming good results into XII Plan.

I am sure of your enhanced efforts in bringing out project outputs and field-worthy technologies would continue to demonstrate the capacity of ICAR/NARS that is implementing this mega project which is now getting global attention as a good model.


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