

ICAR-IARI Organised an International Training on CGE Modelling

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An International Training Program on Foundations of Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) Modelling for Economic Policy Analysis in South Asia was successfully hosted from March 17 to 21, 2025, at the Division of Agricultural Economics, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-IARI), New Delhi. The program was co-organized by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and the South Asian Network on Economic Modelling (SANEM). **The training brought together 22 participants from diverse institutions across India, Bangladesh, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.**

The program was inaugurated by Prof. P.K. Joshi, President, Agricultural Economics Research Association & Former Director IFPRI South Asia office, Director, ICAR-IARI, Dr Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Dr Shahidur Rashid, Director IFPRI South Asia office, in the esteemed presence of Dr R.C. Agrawal, DDG (Education), ICAR. Dignitaries emphasised the importance of working on relevant policy issues in agriculture, such as trade, climate change and sustainable farming, using advanced methodologies like CGE modelling. The training program focused on equipping participants with essential skills in CGE modelling to address contemporary challenges in agriculture and analyze their impacts using a nationwide modelling framework. The program emphasized practical applications of CGE modelling to evaluate policy interventions in agriculture.

The program's valedictory session was graced by the Director, ICAR-IARI, Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, and Dr. A.S Yadav, ADG (EQA &R), ICAR. Dr. Rao stressed the importance of incorporating the inputs of various stakeholders in these studies to make them policy-relevant. The training program concluded with participants' commitment to engage in research on selected policy-relevant topics where CGE modeling can be applied. They will continue to receive mentorship and feedback from course instructors to develop impactful policy outcomes.





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