

## Second Semester Final Exams for the Tenth Batch of Post-Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Rural Development



Scholarship and Fellowship Management Unit of AIRD has successfully completed the second semester of the 10th batch of Post-Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Rural Development (PGDSRD).

The semester began under the assessment of two Indian professors from the National Institute of Rural Development, India (NIRD) and it included 24 students both from governmental and non-governmental organizations. The second semester of the 10th batch of the program ended after a 10-day course at AIRD with a final exam.

It is worth mentioning that the Post-Graduate Diploma in Sustainable Rural Development (PGDSRD) is one of the Rural Development Specialized Programs that is co-sponsored by the Rural Development Institute of India every year at the Rural Development Institute of Afghanistan.

## Indian Professors of National Institute of Rural Development, India (NIRD), Visited Rural Technology Park

Two professors from the Indian Institute of Rural Development, R. Morozhine and R. Ramesh, PhDs visited Rural Technology Park along with Abdul Munir Wakili, Acting Executive Director, and the Rural Technology Park and Scholarships and Fellowships teams.

Indian Professors were satisfied with efforts of the RTP team and expressed pleasure for visiting the park. They said the existence of such initiatives is very essential for the country's people and SMEs. They also promised to cooperate closely with Indian experts in this field and introduce the appropriate rural technologies to this park. The Indian visitors expressed their optimism about the future of RTP in Afghanistan. They believe that RTP can have potential to radically reform the agriculture industry in Afghanistan.



## Introduction of Abdul Samad Baher Stanikzai as Executive Director of Afghanistan Institute of Rural Development



Based on the decree of Mujeeb ur-Rahman Karimi, Minister of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Mr. Abdulsamad Baher Stanikzai was appointed as the Acting Executive Director of Afghanistan Institute of Rural Development.

Mr. Meraj ul-Din Shams, Deputy Minister and Mr. Noor Katawazai Director of Human Resources officially welcomed and introduced him to the AIRD staff.

## 32nd Academic Seminar Held on April, 2019 ,08 in AIRD

Afghanistan Institute of Rural Development held its thirty-second academic seminar titled "Indian Experiences in Rural Development" at AIRD conference hall. Dr. Muru and Dr. Ramesh were the guest speakers for this seminar.

At the start of the seminar Mr. Abdul Munir Wakili, AIRD's Acting Executive Director, welcomed the two Indian guests to the 32nd academic seminar and talked about the importance of the topic and how the Indian experience can help Afghanistan in the rural development sector.

The two guest speakers discussed the following topics:

- Highlight of rural development efforts in India
- Revolution in agriculture
- Employment & job creation (programmes)
- Employment Guarantee Act / Programme

• National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM)  
Dr. Muru talked about the Indian progress towards food self-sufficiency, poverty reduction, and challenges ahead.

He said "India has registered record-breaking food-grain production in seven years in the past decade. From 217 million tons in 2006-07, the country's production jumped to 275.11 million tons in 2016-17.

55% of Indians were classified as poor by the MPI methodology in 2005-06. And now the percentage has come down from 47% to 21.9% and India is joining the league of fastest growing major economies in the world and having the third largest economy in terms of its GDP.

More than 100 employees and senior executives of MRRD attended the seminar. The seminar ended with a question and answer session.



## Launching the one-month campaign of «One Employee One Book» at the Library of the Afghanistan Institute of Rural Development

The one-month book collection campaign was ceremoniously launched on 23rd April by the Information Dissemination Unit of AIRD.

The campaign's objectives are

- To promote and encourage the culture of reading among staff of the Ministry
- Growth of the existing library of the AIRD
- Promoting the culture of participation and giving back

Let's be part of this campaign by donating a book or more to the AIRD Library.

