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IRMA inks pact with NABARD, BIRD for Collaborative Research.



Director IRMA (Right in front line) with BIRD and NABARD teams

VADODARA/ ANAND: The Institute of Rural Management Anand (IRMA) has entered into an agreement with the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development (NABARD) and the Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD) to undertake collaborative research work and capacity building activities in the areas of sustainable and inclusive development of rural India.

Under the agreement, IRMA, NABARD and BIRD will collaborate for research activities based on long-term perspective in the areas of financial inclusion, encompassing different areas like business correspondent/business facilitator model, Rupay KCC, women empowerment through self-help group model, digital financial inclusion, financing micro, small and medium enterprises among others.

As supporting activities, IRMA will address the financial inclusion issues and initiate capacity-building of different stakeholders by providing knowledge support, undertaking policy advocacy, among other activities. BIRD, in association with IRMA, will offer joint management development programmes which will draw faculty members from both the institutes.

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Apart from a faculty exchange programme, BIRD will also organize rural immersion programmes for IRMA students at BIRD and NABARD regional offices or head office for better understanding of the rural realities. NABARD and IRMA will mutually form a monitoring committee for pursuing and monitoring the activities under the agreement.

The agreement was signed recently in presence of IRMA chairman Dilip Rath, NABARD chairman Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, BIRD director T S Raji Gain, managing director of the National Cooperative Dairy Federation of India Limited K C Supekar, former director of IRMA and senior fellow at the International Water Management Institute Dr Tushaar Shah, executive director of National Dairy Development Board Sangram Chaudhary and IRMA director professor Hitesh Bhatt.

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