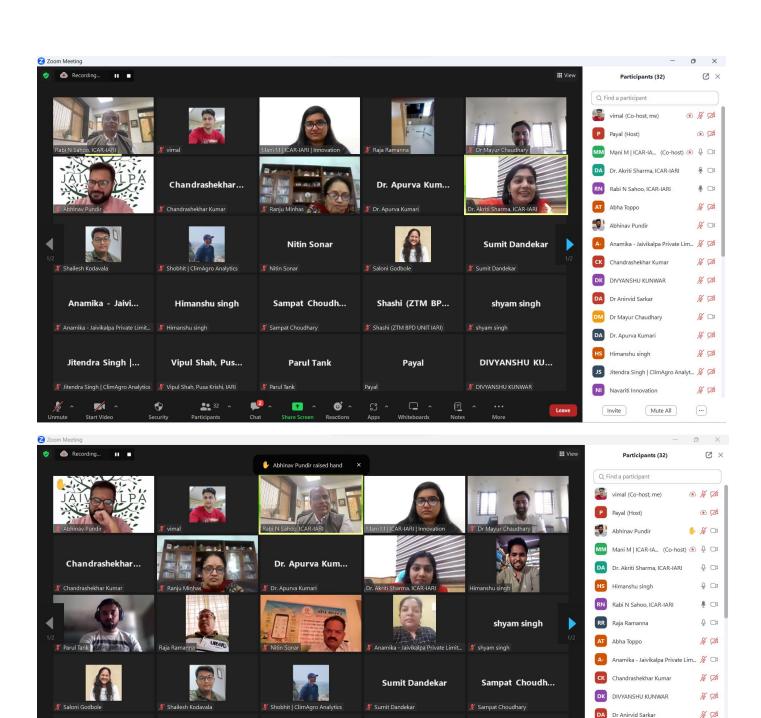
Online Valedictory Ceremony for SHITIJ Program Held on 31 October, 2023

The online valedictory ceremony for DST sponsored NIDHI TBI's SHITIJ program was held on Tuesday, October 31st, 2023, marking a significant milestone. This ceremony served as the culmination of a 15-day training program that began on October 16, 2023 and attracted over 150 applicants from various fields and age groups.

Organized by IARI- Pusa Krishi, the main objective of the 15-day program was to provide a platform for innovators to learn, connect and collaborate with their peers. This collaborative effort is a key driver in preparing participants for their upcoming 1-year incubation program at Pusa Krishi, ICAR-IARI, which promises to further enhance their growth, expand their professional networks, and provide access to essential resources.

During the valedictory ceremony, participants had the privilege of engaging in an interactive session with the CEO of Pusa Krishi, Dr. Akriti Sharma. Additionally, distinguished experts and mentors including Dr. Neeru Bhooshan, Dr. Alka Arora, Professor Asha Kapoor, Dr. R.N. Sahoo, Sh. Satish Chintamani, Sh. K.V. Iyer, Sh. Rahul Dhingra and other renowned figures, also contributed to the program by sharing their insights and expertise. Their mentorship has been instrumental in shaping the future prospects of the talented participants, setting the stage for their continued success beyond Phase 1 of the SHITIJ program, which was well coordinated by Innovation Lead, Manisha Mani from PUSA Krishi.

It is also important to recognize the dedicated efforts of Pusa Krishi team, whose tireless contributions were instrumental in ensuring the smooth functioning of this program and the valuable experience it provided to all participating agriculture & allied sector startups.



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