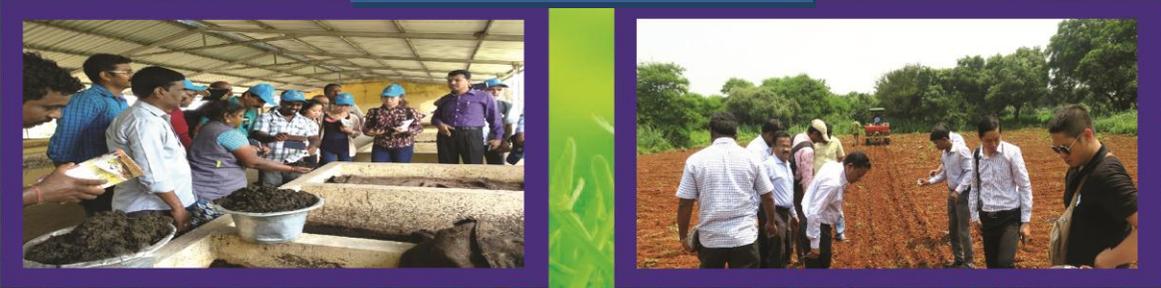




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The 39th Founding Anniversary of CIRDAP

CIRDAP, a Centre of Excellence in Integrated Rural Development, celebrated its 39th founding anniversary during 18-19 July at its Secretariat located in Dhaka, Bangladesh. H.E. Mr. Md. Mashiur Rahman Ranga, M.P, hon'ble State Minister for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Government of Bangladesh graced the gala anniversary as Chief Guest, and Mr. S.M. Ghulam Farooque, Secretary, Rural Development and Co-operatives Division (RDCE) and Dr. Dr. Durga Prasad Paudyal, former Director General of CIRDAP, was present as special guests. Mr. Tevita G. Boseiwaqa Taginavulau, Director General of CIRDAP chaired the inaugural session. Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, IRD Expert of CIRDAP and the Former Governor of Bangladesh Bank, presented the keynote paper on Economic and Social Development of Bangladesh on Rural Development.



In the two days programme, four technical sessions were held. Brief details are as follows:

Session & Theme	Keynote Title	Keynote Speaker	Moderator
Session 1: theme – Rising Bangladesh	The Bangladesh Development Narrative An Impressive Track Record, A Promising Future Journey	Professor Dr. Mustafizur Rahman, Distinguished Fellow of CPD and Former Professor of University of Dhaka	Professor Dr. Salehuddin Ahmed, IRD Expert of CIRDAP and the Former Governor of Bangladesh Bank
Session 2: Theme – Digital Bangladesh: ICT in Rural Development	ICT in Rural Development in Bangladesh	Mr. Mustafizur Rahman, Project Director, A2I Programme of Prime Minister’s Office, Bangladesh	Dr. Md. Abdur Rouf, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of Bangladesh
Session 3: Theme – Food Waste to Wealth	Food Waste to Wealth: Current Practices, Challenges and Opportunities	Dr. Md. Saleh Ahmed, Post-Harvest & Food Waste Management Expert	Dr. M. A. Matin, Director General, Rural Development Academy (RDA), Bogura, Bangladesh
Session 4: Theme - Sustainable/Smart Rural Village Model	Sustainable/Smart Village Model	Mr. Ramasamy Elango, Managing, Trustee, Kuthambakkam Village, Tamil Nadu, India	Dr. M. Mizanur Rahman, Director General (Additional Secretary), Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD), Cumilla

The technical sessions includes keynote presentations, panelists’ discussions and question-answer episodes. A total of 210 participants were present in the two-day ceremony from different national and international organizations, INGOs, NGOs, including BARD, RDA, BRDB, BAPARD, BARC, KGF, Universities, Foundations, Municipalities, and Embassies/High Commissions of CMCs in Dhaka. The technical sessions were followed by a closing ceremony with the presence of Mr. S.M. Ghulam Farooque, Secretary, RDCD, and a gala tea party in the CIRDAP garden.

Proposed Research Initiatives of CIRDAP

CIRDAP has initiated the following three proposed research studies to enable the rural communities and improve the living conditions of marginalized rural people:

Title	Country coverage	Short brief of the study
Study on the Smart Village Good Practices/Models in CMCs to Develop a CIRDAP Wise Village Model	CMCs –	CIRDAP intends to establish a Wise Village following the concept of Mahatma Gandhi. The WISE Village will have all the components of Smart Village. In addition it will have perfect sanitation, cottages with sufficient light and ventilation. The village lanes and streets will be free of all avoidable dust. It will have wells according to its needs and accessible to all. It will have houses of worship for all; also a common meeting place, a village common field for grazing its cattle, a co-operative dairy, primary and secondary schools in which industrial education will be the central fact, and it will have local government office for settling disputes. It will produce its own grains, vegetables and fruit, and its own clothing, etc.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – The CIRDAP wise village will focus on the cultural and traditions in various aspects of life such as healthy rectify natural food preservation, traditionally used herbs or plants for medicine, preservations and for culinary purposes may be disappearing now a days due to rural communities moving towards modernization. There are several traditions followed in important events like marriage, festivals, deaths etc. can be identified and practiced in proposed wise village. Similarly also disappearing culture of the communities can also be brought to light in the village.
Livelihood Development of the Most Marginalized Coastal Fishermen	CMCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Coastal fishermen and their family members may undertake a variety of supplementary occupations concurrently or during the non-fishing season. Some of these occupations are fish processing, farming and labour employment which are referred as non-fishing activities. – CIRDAP would like to initiate a study to improve the living conditions of the coastal fishermen and their family members of CMCs.
Ecotourism: A Tool for Sustainable Rural Development	CMCs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Flourishing of ecotourism will create social changes as well. It can reduce out migration which is a very alarming issue at present. Another impact of ecotourism in the society will be enhancing living standard of the local people through more income, experience and expenditure. The lifestyle of the local people change as ecotourism develops. – CIRDAP is expected to exploit the possibilities of establishing rural eco-tourism in CMCs in order to uplift the livelihood of rural population. In accordance with this, CIRDAP will carry out a study on the policies of CMCs towards developing eco-tourism, and find out successful models already established. These successful models can be replicated with appropriate modifications to suit the individual countries.

Meeting with BARD on Collaborative Pilot Projects

Mr. Arulappu George Chandra Babu (Program Officer-Research) and Mr. Mahmudul Hasan Chowdhury (Executive Assistant-Research) visited the Bangladesh Academy for Rural Development (BARD) on 12th July 2018 to discuss on the implementing of two proposed pilot projects i.e. “Seed Potato Project” and “Multi-Commodity Solar Tunnel Dryer”. Later on, they also visited two CVDP villages of BARD to gather first-hand information on the successful implementation of rural development projects in the villages. BARD officials were willingly agreed to initiate necessary actions to implement the seed potato project.

Follow up of the Meeting

A team from CIRDAP, comprising of Mr. Mr. George Babu, Ms. Elora Sharmin (Programme Officer-Training) and Md. Zakaria (Project Coordinator), visited BARD on 23 July 2018 to participate in the 59th Anniversary of BARD and discuss the collaborative programmes for 2018-19. They also visited a small village namely Dighol Gao near BARD, and discussed with farmers association. They discussed the followings during meeting:

Topic	Decision	Remark
Dryer Technology	BARD will think again about this technology and try to minimize cost that will be good for rural farmers.	Depends upon funds.
Potato Seed Production	BARD will send a proposal to the Ministry regarding this issue and expect confirmation from ministry within 3 months including budget. It will be 3 years project. Technical assistance provided by CIRDAP.	Possible to start next year due to fund availability.
Elango's Smart Model Village	BARD would like to visit India to see Mr. Elango's Model Village and also like to establish same in Cumilla (Near BARD).	This may be implemented including wise village or separately. It can be started this year.
Wise Village	BARD would like to establish at least one wise village in Cumilla. CIRDAP will prepare concept note and action plan for wise village soon.	It can start in this year.
Climate Smart Agricultural Technology	BARD would like to conduct half day seminar on 'Climate Smart Agricultural Technology for rural development'. They are searching for resource persons in this regard. We can find out/provide appropriate scientists for half day seminar at BARD while needed.	It can be in this year or next year. BARD can arrange a half day seminar. CIRDAP can provide expert support.

Proposed Pilot Projects/Studies of GIS Centre of CIRDAP

CIRDAP's Centre on Geo-informatics Applications for Rural Development (CGARD), well known as GIS Centre, is planning to start the following initiatives:

Type	Title	Coverage	Purpose
Pilot Project	Application of GIS for Landslide Hazard Zonation and Risk Mapping in Disaster Prone Area of Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh	Chittagong Hill Tracts, Bangladesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed project will be carried out to assess socio-economic condition of the people living in the landslide prone area, causes of landslide, impacts of landslide on local communities and to propose mitigation strategies of landslide to reduce vulnerability of landslide in the study area.
Research Study	Status and perspective of GIS/GIM in CIRDAP member Countries: Policies, Practices and Strategies	CIRDAP Member Countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This study will pave way to develop a framework for identify legal/policy challenges and gap analysis among CMCs. Each country can use this gap analysis to priorities their management of fundamental geospatial data. The research also will help to assess the software, training and support required for GIS. This study will include historical development, present situation, challenges, Policies and best Practices of GIS in Integrated Rural Development in CMCs countries.

Supporting Programmes of CIRDAP

- With the support from CIRDAP and other organisations, the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) organized an **International Summit on Sustainable Productivity** in Tokyo, Japan on 10 July 2018. Director General of CIRDAP Mr. Tevita G. Boseiwaqa Taginavulau attended the summit as an observer. The summit was expected to help those attending understand the challenges,

opportunities, and impact of emerging technologies on productivity, industries, and economies in general, and provide opportunities for discussions with technology leaders and experts on future policy interventions needed to adapt successfully to the fast-changing digital world.

- Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development (RGNIYD), India in partnership with Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP), London, UNESCO-MGIEP, India, UNICEF, UNV, ILO, IOM organized a 3-day long International Conference on **“Achieving Youth Specific-SDGs: Key Challenges and Policy Responses”** on 25-27 July 2018 at RGNIYD Campus, Sripeumbudur, Tamil Nadu, India. CIRDA as an official partner engaged in this programme sponsoring two participants from Lao PDR and Sri Lanka. Ms. Bindia Nag, Assistant Programme Officer (Research and Training) also attended this programme as Representative of CIRDA.

One Year PGDRDM for 2018-19

For one year Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development Management (PGDRDM) for 16th Batch 2018-19, nominations were sought from CIRDA Member Countries (CMCs). From six countries, 16 nominations were received. On the basis of prescribed eligibility criteria nominations were scrutinized and primarily selected for interview, and the short-listed candidates were requested for Skype interview. Finally selected candidates will be recommended to MoRD, GoI, and also to NIRD&PR, to admit them in the forthcoming PGDRDM 16th batch programme.

Staff Participations

- Mr. Arulappu George Chandra Babu (Program Officer-Research) attended the SAARC development Fund (SDF) conclave from 1-4 July at New Delhi, India. Several Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs), International Financial Institutions (IFIs) like World Bank, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank (AIIB) participated in that conclave for identifying projects, promoting funds for SAARC Member States.
- Mr. M.H Kawsar Rudro, Communication Officer, attended the 1st Rural Dialogue on 6-7th July at IIT Guwahati, Assam, India, organized by the Innovior and All India Institute of Local Self Government (AIILSG) in association with Centre for Rural Technology - IIT Guwahati. This dialogue was the first of the series of dialogues organized to exchange experiences and good practices on issues related to innovation in rural areas and provide awareness on various potential solutions.

Staff Capacity Building Programme on IT

As a part of staff capacity building on Information Technologies for the Secretariat, training programmes were planned on five sessions, of which two have already been completed, that are as follows:

Title	Date
Session 1: Basic Troubleshooting in OS, Printer, Scanner & Internet	25.07.2018
Session 2: Basic Concept about MS Outlook 2016 Operating	01.08.2018
Session 3: MS Word & Power Point Utilization	14.08.2018
Session 4: MS Excel Utilization	22.08.2018
Session 5: Android Application Management & Important Operation	29.08.2018

New Staff at CIRDAP

Name	Designation	Date of Joining
Mr. Md. Wasim Khan Sadab	Special Financial Advisor	1st July 2018
Mrs. Najiba Rashid	Executive Assistant (Pilot Project Division)	21 st June 2018
Ms. Mahjabin Monika	Executive Assistant (Training)	01 st July 2018
Ms. Sadia Afroz	Executive Assistant (HR)	1 st July 2018
Mr. Md. AL Masuk	Graphic Designer	1st July 2018
Mr. Md Omar Faruk	Intern	3 rd June 2018

Forthcoming Programmes

Activities/Programmes	Date	Venue
One Year Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Development Management (PGDRDM) 16th Batch	16 August 2018	NIRD&PR, India
Exposure Visit for Faculty Members and Officials of NIRD&PR and SIRDs	23-27 September 2018	Bangladesh
CIRDAP-NIRD&PR collaborative International Training Programme on 'Waste to Wealth- Value Recovery from Agro Processing'	03-13 September 2018	Iran
CIRDAP-APO Collaborative Workshop on Organic Agriculture	03-07 December 2018	RGNIYD, India

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