Dr S K Chaudhari is DDG of ICAR, DARE

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Dr S K Chaudhari from Vidarbha has joined as the Deputy Director General (DDG-Natural Resource Management) of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Government of India.

A well-known scientist with many prestigious awards and global recognition of his contribution, served as Assistant Director General in the same organisation earlier. Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board conducted selection interview for the post of DDG in the last week of January 2020. Many scientists serving in India and abroad applied for this prestigious post that shapes the research policies, needs and priorities of the nation.

Dr Chaudhari was selected from amongst the highly talented researchers as the most outstanding and accomplished research manager. It is for the first time in the history of ICAR that such a position is occupied by a person from Maharashtra.

After assuming the charge of Deputy Director General, Dr Chaudhari was on a maiden visit to Nagpur on the way to Akola where he inaugurated state level seminar on “Frontier Technologies For Climate Resilient Agriculture”. During the brief speech at NBSS&LUP, Nagpur, he interacted with the scientists and addressed all the staff of the NBSS&LUP.

During his speech, he emphasized the necessity to mould intellectual abilities for welfare of the nation. He promised every possible guidance and assistance to the staff. He recalled his association with NBSS&LUP as a budding soil scientist and encouraged youngsters to face challenges that Indian agriculture is currently facing.

The staff in an affectionate response, felicitated him with traditional “Maharashtrian Pagdi”. Dr Chaudhari will look after all the natural resource management institutes spread over in India and advise Government of India on research related matters.