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## SAFOAM NEWS LETTER

South Asia Forum on Agricultural Meteorology

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**Launching of South Asia Forum on Agricultural Meteorology**

South Asian Forum on Agricultural Meteorology (SAFOAM) was launched on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 to strengthen regional cooperation in agrometeorological advisory services of the member countries in South Asia. Sixty-two members from seven countries namely, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka participated in the meeting. The aims and objectives of the meeting was elaborated by Dr N. Chattopadhyay, President, International Society for Agricultural Meteorology & Former Deputy Director General, Agricultural Meteorology Division, India Meteorological Department. Elaborate discussion was made on different thematic areas under the moderation of Dr.L.S.Rathore, Consultant, The World Bank & Former Director General of India Meteorological Department. At the end, patronage address was given by Dr. Shailesh Nayak Director, National Institute of Advanced Studies & Former Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Govt. of India.



Dr. Shailesh Nayak




Dr. L.S. Rathore




Dr. N. Chattopadhyay

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## Information Brochure


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Harvesting of Paddy before flash-flood warning in Bangladesh




Sensitisation Programme on Agrometeorology in Afghanistan




Crop Damage due to Extreme Events in Bhutan




Capacity Building Programme in Myanmar




Crop Simulation Modelling Training in Nepal




Rice Cultivation in Sri Lanka



Weather monitoring device installed near an agricultural field in Pakistan



Maldives Meteorological Services



Feedback from Farmers in India

SAFOAM would arrange to publish e-newsletters periodically reporting its activities and special news related to Agricultural Meteorology of the member countries so that meaningful development & activities would reach to the large number of persons. Arrange to publish suitable statements, press releases, posters, pamphlets, books, periodicals, brochures, etc. on topics relevant to the objectives of the Forum. The proceedings of Annual General Body Meetings and the papers presented at such meetings would be published at the discretion of the council in such form as the council may decide. Other areas of works include:

- Organize e-conferences, webinars, celebrate special days such, the WMO day, World Environment Day, etc. together with the member countries for creating awareness among the people.
- Create awareness and appreciation for science of Agricultural Meteorology and allied sciences, among all sections of the society.
- Award Fellowships and awards to deserving persons for making significant contributions to the aims and objectives of the forum.
- Instituting awards for best MSc/ PhD thesis for promoting education and best research paper awards for promoting research,
- Awards to encourage young generation for recognition of their outstanding contributions made in the field of Agricultural Meteorology and inspiring young researchers/ scientists of the member countries. Awards would also be there for Institutional encouragement.