



*NABARD Celebrates*



*in Chennai*

NABARD celebrated its 44<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day on July 11, 2025, at ITC Grand Chola, Chennai, in the presence of esteemed dignitaries and stakeholders from across the nation. The event was graced by Shri M. Nagaraju, IAS, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Government of India; Thiru N. Muruganandam, IAS, Chief Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu; Shri Shaji K.V., Chairman, NABARD; Shri G. S. Rawat, DMD, NABARD; and Dr. A. K. Sood, DMD, NABARD; Shri Ajay Kumar Srivastava, Managing Director & CEO, Indian Overseas Bank; and Shri Binod Kumar, Managing Director & CEO, Indian Bank.

A thought-provoking panel discussion titled "Fostering Rural Enterprises for Inclusive Growth" set the tone for the evening. The panel featured experts including Shri Sravan Kumar Sharma, Advisor at the Foundation for MSME Cluster; Dr. Glory Swarupa, Former Director General of NIMSME; Dr. A. Alagusundaram, MD and CEO of TNAPEX; Dr. Senthil Vinayagam, Principal Scientist at ICAR-NAARM; and Shri Madan Padaki, Founder of Head Held High. The session was moderated by Ms. Aparna Bijapurkar from BCG.

A highlight of the celebration was the exhibition of Self-Help Group (SHG) and Farmer Producer Organization (FPO) products, which featured the work of 16 artisans and producer organizations.



The Chief Guest at the inauguration of the rural artisans' exhibition

Lamp lighting ceremony by the guests





Chairman NABARD welcoming Chief Guest, Shri M Nagaraju, IAS, Secretary, DFS, Govt of India



Chairman NABARD welcoming Thiru N. Muruganandam, IAS, Chief Secretary, GoTN



Esteemed dignitaries gracing the event

Welcome address by Shri G.S Rawat, DMD, NABARD





Address by Shri Shaji K.V., Chairman, NABARD

Address by Thiru N. Muruganandam, IAS, Chief Secretary, GoTN





Keynote address by Shri M. Nagaraju, IAS, Secretary , DFS, MoF, GoI

Summing up and vote of Thanks by Dr. A.K Sood, DMD, NABARD





Group Photo



Bird's View



Panel Discussion



Exhibition

