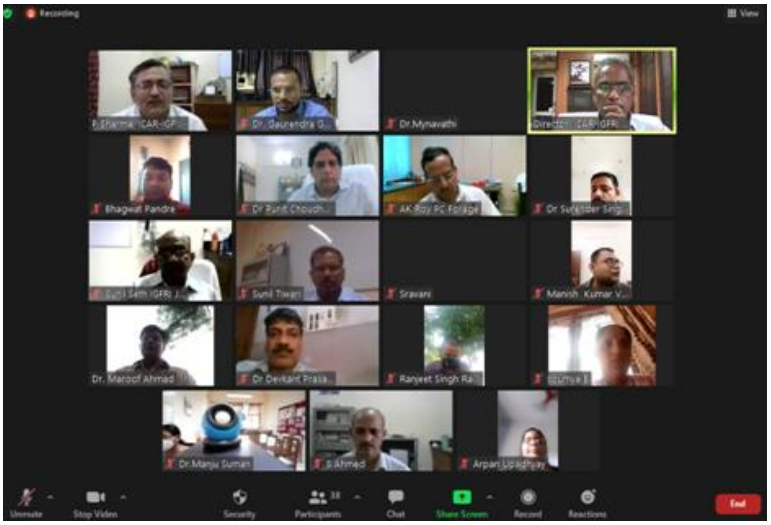
Online workshop of All India Fodder Production Officers: *Kharif* 2021

The ICAR- Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi has initiated **"National Initiative for Accelerating Fodder Technology Adoption (NIAFTA)"** since July 2019 to formulate an implementable fodder resource development plan for each state /UT of the country suitable to specific niches which can utilize the potential of available resources to achieve self sufficiency in fodder production and utilization, extension of latest research findings/technologies, capacity building and skill enhancement of the line staff, fodder producers and livestock keepers on emerging technologies and also provide opportunity to interact with scientists. Fodder resource development plan for 14 state /UT has been developed. As part of activities of NIAFTA, an '**Online workshop of All India Fodder Production Officers for Kharif**' was conducted at ICAR- IGFRI, Jhansi from **12-14, July, 2021** It was designed for the officers of state line department, KVK staff, SAU, students, NGO staff engaged in fodder production. The objective of workshop was to expose the participants to the current techniques/methodologies in relevant and appropriate disciplines by distinguished scientists in the field of grassland and fodder. The course was organized in the form of online lectures and interactions of participants with stakeholders and IGFRI scientists. Dr. Amresh Chandra, Director, highlighted the new emerging forage technologies to be implemented in kharif season. The major areas discussed in the workshop are forage crop research in India, intensive forage development technologies, production practices of kharif fodders, grassland, silvi-pasture and horti-pasture management, mechanization in fodder production, forage based feeding system, fodder conservation technologies and forage based agro-forestry system. A total of 105 participants across India have attended the workshop and provided with the training e-certificate and e-compendium.