

IARI NEWS

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IARI Secures Global Rank in QS 2026



ICAR-INDIAN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

IARI makes it For First time!

IARI is ranked in QS World University Rankings 2026

In AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY
Subject rankings under

151-200
BAND

QS QUANTILE RANKING
WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS

Indian Universities in Agriculture and Forestry Category

12 Universities from INDLA
151-200 Top Band
04 Universities in top hand

Four Universities in Top Band (151-200) from India

- Indian Agricultural Research Institute
- Banaras Hindu University
- Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
- University of Delhi



From Director's Desk



It gives me immense pleasure to share that ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), premier research intensive, deemed to be university, achieved a landmark global recognition by entering the QS World University Rankings-2026 in the subject category of Agriculture & Forestry. In our pursuit to develop high yielding varieties, rice hybrid Pusa RH 60 with high productivity and short duration was released, and disease-resistant genotypes in rice & wheat along with profusely flowering marigold selections were identified. An IKSHU-Cane model for accurate yield prediction and optimization of sugarcane was developed. Research

with electrical impedance spectroscopy helped in rapid, non-destructive assessment of guava ripeness. During this quarter, many important events that contributed to the overall progress of the Institute were organized. The Institute celebrated its 64th Convocation, graced by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan. A total of 470 students were awarded degrees in the Convocation. A number of post-graduate students earned placements in public and private sectors. The participation of students in cultural and literary events enriched the academic environment of the campus. To strengthen linkages with industry, the Institute organized an Academia-Industry Meet in the Crop and Horticulture sector. The Pusa *Krishi Mela*, held under the theme "*Viksit Krishi - Aatmnirbhar Bharat*", witnessed enthusiastic participation of farmers across the country. The Institute proudly honoured Fellow Farmers and Innovative Farmers during the event. Our Campuses at Jharkhand and

Assam and also the regional stations actively represented IARI in events conducted across various regions. A large number of training programs and workshops were conducted to enhance stakeholder capacity and promote exchange of knowledge. The Institute also observed International Women's Day and World Water Day through thematic lectures and related activities. The scientists secured commendable externally funded research grants and made significant progress in commercializing IARI technologies to private partners.

I am sure that the information included in the IARI News would be useful to the farmers and stakeholders. I wish to congratulate all the scientists and staff of Publication Unit for bringing out the newsletter in time.


Ch. Srinivasa Rao
Director, ICAR-IARI


 RESEARCH

Pusa Mustard 37: A Farmers' Boon Driving High Yields, Resilience, and Premium Profits

Since its release in 2024, Pusa Mustard 37 has demonstrated significant on-farm impact, with farmers reporting consistent yields of 11–13 q/acre. The variety has shown resistance to lodging and shattering, along with reliable tolerance to abiotic stresses, enabling stable performance across diverse agro-climatic conditions. Its adaptability to late sowing has provided critical flexibility in delayed planting situations, while the extra-bold seeds and high oil content (42.39%) have enabled farmers to secure premium market prices.



Performance of Pusa Mustard 37 at farmer's field in village Urlana Khurd, Panipat, Haryana

Pusa Rice Hybrid 60 (Pusa RH 60)

Pusa RH 60 (IET28965), a high-yielding, short-duration (120 days), long slender grain aromatic rice hybrid with an average yield of 59.24 q/ha has been released. It developed by using a thermosensitive genetic male sterility (TGMS)-based two-line system, it simplifies hybrid seed production and supports crop intensification through early maturity.

(Nagarajan M, Krishnan G S, Vinod K K, Bhowmick P K, Haritha B, Ellur R K, Seth R, Rathour R and Singh A K, Division of Genetics)



Field view of Pusa RH 60

New Selections of Marigold

AMS -155

It is a floriferous, African marigold selection with compact, medium-sized blooms producing creamish-yellow flowers. The blooms possess a good shelf life, flowering in 65–70 days after planting, which continues for a duration of 60–70 days. The average yield is 450–500 g flowers per plant (20–25 t/ha) and is ideal for garlands, loose flowers, bedding, and landscaping.

(Dey R B, Singh K P, Panwar S, Namita, Singh M and Kumar K, Division of Floriculture and Landscaping)



Field view of AMS-155

AMS-107

It is a floriferous, African marigold selection with bright orange flowers, producing an average of 60–70 blooms per plant. Flowering begins 65–70 days after planting and continues for 60–70 days with an average yield of 20–25 t/ha. It is well suited for loose flower production as well as bedding and landscaping.

(Dey R B, Singh K P, Panwar S, Namita, Singh M and Kumar K, Division of Floriculture and Landscaping)



Field view of AMS-107

IKSHU-Cane: A Process-based Dynamic Simulation Model for Sugarcane Management

The Environmental Modelling Lab developed IKSHU-Cane, a dynamic simulation model for sugarcane growth and yield in collaboration with ICAR-IISR, Lucknow. It integrates soil, weather, varietal traits, and management inputs like irrigation and nitrogen. The model predicts yield variations, supports forecasting, optimization, climate impact assessment, crop zonation.

(Kumar N, Division of Environmental Sciences)



IKSHU-Cane, a dynamic simulation model for sugarcane

Development of Tetrazole-based Diacyl Hydrazines as Antifungal Agents

Tetrazole-based diacyl hydrazines were synthesized with 76–94% yields and confirmed via-spectral and analytical techniques. Evaluated against *Rhizoctonia solani* using the poisoned food method, they showed broad antifungal activity, with EC₅₀ values of 1.66–34.3 µg/mL. This reveals structure–activity relationships, offering insights for further optimization and the development of effective antifungal agents for sustainable agricultural applications.

(Kumar R, Division Agricultural Chemicals)

Yield Stability in Wheat under Terminal Heat Stress by Optimising Nitrogen Nutrition

Declining wheat productivity in South Asia has become more pronounced due to rising temperature from late february, exposing crops to terminal heat stress. Evaluating six nitrogen levels across three sowing dates, HD 2967 and C 306 were most stable, while HD 2781 performed well under low N. Early sowing required moderate N (120 kg ha⁻¹) for optimal yield, whereas late sowing needed 60–120 kg additional N to offset losses. Multi-environment analyses highlight nitrogen management and sowing

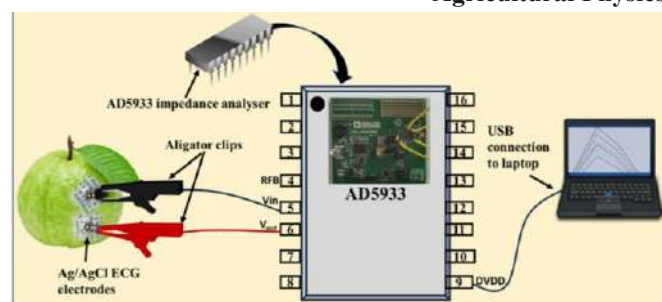
time as key strategies to enhance wheat yield stability under heat stress.

(Pandey R, Anand A, and Harikrishna, Division of Plant Physiology)

A Precision Technology for Post-harvest Quality Assessment of Guava (*Psidium guajava* L.)

Rising demand for fresh, ready-to-eat fruits has driven the need for rapid, reliable, and non-destructive ripeness assessment methods. Electrical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) effectively assessed guava (*Psidium guajava* L.) ripeness non-invasively, showing strong correlations with total soluble solids (TSS), titratable acidity (TA), and TSS/TA ratio. Impedance decreased with ripening, while phase angle reflected microstructural changes. Sensory evaluation aligned with impedance patterns, confirming its reliability. EIS offers rapid, non-destructive ripeness monitoring, supporting post-harvest quality management, reducing spoilage, and enhancing supply chain efficiency for highly perishable guava fruits.

(Kundu M, Krishnan P and Vashisth A, Division of Agricultural Physics)



Non-destructive quality estimation of guava using EIS



64th Convocation

The 64th Convocation of The Graduate School, ICAR–IARI, New Delhi, was held on February 13, 2026, at the Bharat Ratna Shri C. Subramaniam Auditorium, NASC, New Delhi. Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and delivered the Convocation Address. The ceremony was attended by Shri Ram Nath Thakur, Hon'ble Union Minister of State, as the Guest of Honour. Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI, declared the convocation open and presented the Institute's key research achievements for 2025.



Convocation Address by Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development



Presentation of Merit Medal to the awardee

A total of 470 students (M.Sc.: 265; M.Tech.: 25; Ph.D.: 180), including two international students, were awarded postgraduate and doctoral degrees. The IARI Best Student of the Year Award–2025 and NABARD–Professor V.L. Chopra Gold Medal–2025 were conferred upon Mr. Rakesh V. (Ph.D.) and Mr. Suman Barman (M.Sc.) students from the Division of Entomology.

The Vth Dr. H.K. Jain Memorial Young Scientist Award–2025 was jointly awarded to Dr. Veda Krishnan, Senior Scientist, Division of Biochemistry, and Dr. Roaf Ahmad Parray, Scientist, Division of Agricultural Engineering. The XXIV Sukumar Basu Award (biennium 2023–24) was conferred upon Dr. T.K. Bhattacharya, Director, ICAR–National Research Centre on Equines, Hisar, and the Vth NABARD Researcher of the Year 2025 to Dr. Raghubar Sahu, Assistant Professor, Department of Agronomy, VKS College of Agriculture, BAU, Sabour, Bihar.

The Hon'ble Union Minister congratulated the graduates and awardees, recognizing IARI as a key driver of India's agricultural progress. He highlighted the importance of innovation, entrepreneurship, and

climate-resilient agriculture in achieving the vision of a developed India by 2047, and encouraged students to contribute towards ensuring future food and nutritional security. Dr. Anupama Singh, Joint Director (Education) & Dean, presented the Dean's Report, outlining the research achievements of the students.

56th Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Lecture

Dr. M.L. Jat, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR delivered the 56th Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Lecture on February 12, 2026 on the topic “*Reimagining Agrifood System for Health*”. He emphasized on a transition from yield-centric agriculture to systems ensuring nutrition, sustainability, and socio-economic inclusion in line with *Viksit Bharat* by 2047. He highlighted the need for integrated and resilient agrifood systems that deliver health, equity, and environmental balance. The ceremony was presided over by Dr. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog who also presented the importance of reorienting agrifood systems to address climate and economic challenges, advocating a multi-stakeholder investment approach involving government, private sector, and institutions to ensure climate-resilient and nutrition-secure food systems.



Felicitations of Dr. M.L. Jat, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, speaker of 56th Lal Bahadur Memorial lecture

International Students Visit at ICAR-IARI

The Director, ICAR-IARI, Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao interacted with international students during an orientation session held on January 28, 2026, at ICAR-IARI, New Delhi. Emphasizing IARI's legacy in the Green Revolution. He noted its global role in training the agricultural leaders. He highlighted shared challenges such as climate change across countries like Nepal, Myanmar, Syria, Afghanistan, and Cameroon.



International students with dignitaries

Placement of IARI Students

Dr. Tushar Dhar (Ph.D.), Division of Agricultural Engineering, was appointed as Scientist B (Engineering) at the Tocklai Tea Research Institute (TTRI), Tea Research Association (TRA), Jorhat (Assam).



Dr. Tushar Dhar

Dr. Nirmalaruban R. (Ph.D.), Division of Genetics, was appointed as Scientist at Syngenta India Pvt. Ltd.



Dr. Nirmalaruban R.

Mr. Ramakrishna Panda (M.Sc.), Division of Environmental Science, was appointed at IFFCO (Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited).



Mr. Ramakrishna Panda

Mr. Sagar M. P. (M.Sc.), Division of Agricultural Extension, was selected as Commercial Tax Inspector in the Commercial Tax Department, Karnataka.



Mr. Sagar M. P.

Mr. Debjyoti Ray (M.Sc.), Division of Agricultural Physics and Mr. Arunesh Kumar (M.Sc.) Division of Entomology, were appointed as Deputy Managers (Agricultural Field Officer) in Bank of Maharashtra.



Mr. Debjyoti Ray



Mr. Arunesh Kumar

IARI Scholar Receives Fulbright-Kalam Fellowship

Mr. Ayan Sarkar, a Ph.D. scholar at the Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, was awarded the prestigious Fulbright-Kalam Climate Fellowship for Doctoral Research 2025–2026 by the United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF) and the Institute of International Education (IIE). Mr. Sarkar joined Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA in March 2026.



Students Bag Prestigious Best Thesis Awards at International Conference

Mr. Suman Barman (Ph.D.), Division of Entomology and Dr. Samrat Paul, Division of Plant Pathology, received the prestigious Sasya Suraksha Best M.Sc. and Ph.D. Thesis Awards, respectively at the International Conference on



Mr. Suman Barman



Dr. Samrat Paul

“Advances in Digital Solutions and Green Technologies in Crop Pest Management”, held at Indian Statistical Institute during February 25–27, 2026, jointly organized by the Association for Advancement in Plant Protection (AAPP), ISI Kolkata and the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of Rituraj Girls' Hostel and Krishiksha Academic Block

The foundation stone of ‘Rituraj’ Girls’ Hostel and ‘Krishiksha’ Academic Block at ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, was laid by Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon’ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare and Rural Development, Government of India, on January 14, 2026, in the august presence of Dr. M.L. Jat, Secretary, DARE & DG (ICAR), Dr. D.K. Yadava, DDG

(Crop Science), ICAR, Dr. J.K. Jena, DDG (Agril. Education), ICAR and Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI and other dignitaries. The hostel will accommodate 350 female students, while the academic block will provide state-of-the-art teaching and research infrastructure.



Laying of foundation stone of Rituraj’ Girls’ Hostel by Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon’ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare and Rural Development



Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela- 2026

Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela-2026 was organized from February 25–27, 2026 under the theme “Viksit Krishi – Aatmanirbhar Bharat”. The mela was inaugurated by Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon’ble Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare, who described the event as a ‘National Kumbh of Farmers’ and emphasized the role of scientific innovations in

enhancing productivity, sustainability, and farmers’ income. He was accompanied by other dignitaries including Dr. M.L. Jat, Secretary, (DARE) and Director General (ICAR), Shri Devesh Chaturvedi, Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare, Dr. D.K. Yadava, DDG (Crop Science), ICAR. The national-level event witnessed the participation of over one lakh farmers, agri-entrepreneurs, scientists,



Sh. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon’ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare interacting with Scientists and Farmers



polymakers, FPOs, startups, women, and youth. During the three-day *mela*, eight technical sessions were organized on themes including technologies for climate-resilient agriculture, natural farming, crop diversification and protection, digital agriculture, FPO-start-up linkages, agricultural marketing and export, entrepreneurship development for women & youth, and innovative farmers meet. Also, 44 agri-startups incubated at IARI, presented innovations in farm mechanization, post-harvest management, food processing, biotechnology, and waste management. At the valedictory function, graced by Dr. R.S. Paroda, Chairman, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) and former DG (ICAR). Thirty-six farmers were conferred the 'IARI Innovative Farmer Award', along with the 'Young Innovative Farmer Award' and 'Fellow Farmer Awards', recognizing excellence in technology adoption and sustainable agriculture. Few important publications including 'Seed Production Technology', 'Innovative Farmers' Conclave Proceedings', and 'Prasar Doot' were also released.



Felicitation of IARI Fellow Farmer Awardees



Felicitation of IARI Innovative Farmer Awardees

Inauguration of Seed Store during “Kisan Mela” at Rakhra, Punjab

The Collaborative Outstation Research Centre (CORC) of ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, organized a “Kisan Mela” on March 17, 2026 at the Young Farmers Association Punjab (YFAP) premises in Rakhra, Punjab. The event provided a dynamic platform for interaction between scientists and farmers, facilitating the dissemination of improved crop varieties, production practices, and crop protection technologies.

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI, commended the farmers for their significant contribution to India's agricultural growth and emphasized the urgent



Inauguration of seed store by Director ICAR-IARI at village Rakhra, Punjab

need for crop diversification, adoption of climate-resilient farming practices and judicious uses of agrochemicals while highlighting the importance of quality seeds.

Field Days and Outreach Activities

Field Day on Mustard

KVK, Shikohpur organized two field days on mustard on January 14, 2026 at village Kasan and January 15, 2026 at village Lokra, which were attended by 41 farmers.



Participants at Mustard Field Day

Field Day on Rose and Marigold

The Division of Floriculture and Landscaping organized the “Pusa Rose and Marigold Field Day”

on February 16, 2026, under the theme “Rose and Marigold: A Bridge of Science, Innovation, and Farmer Prosperity”. The Division displayed around 300 rose and 110 marigold germplasm lines, including improved varieties *Pusa Sherbet* and *Pusa Alpina* for loose flowers, and *Pusa Abhishek*, *Pusa Ajay*, *Pusa Arjun*, and *Pusa Lakshmi* for landscaping. Marigold varieties like *Pusa Narangi Gainda*, *Pusa Bahar*, *Pusa Deep*, *Pusa Utsav*, *Pusa Parv*, and *Pusa Arpita* were appreciated for their ease of cultivation, longer shelf life, and better market value.



Glimpse of the Field Days organized by ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

Field Day on Winter Vegetables

The Division of Vegetable Science in collaboration with the ZTM & BPD Unit, ICAR-IARI organized ‘Winter Vegetable Field Day’ on February 17, 2026 at the Unit of Vegetable Research and Demonstration (UVRD), demonstrating improved varieties and production technologies. Several improved winter vegetable varieties attracted attention, including carrot (*Pusa Rudhira*, *Pusa Yamdagni*), cabbage (*Pusa Hybrid-1*, *Pusa Red Cabbage Hybrid-1*), cauliflower (*Pusa Snowball K-1*, *Pusa Snowball K-25*), and tomato (*Pusa Shakti*, *Pusa Red Cherry Tomato-3*).



Glimpse of the Winter Vegetable Field Day

Kisan Goshthis

Climate-smart Agriculture and Digital Technologies

The Division of Agricultural Physics organized a *Kisan Goshthi* on February 06, 2026, with the participation of more than 35 farmers. The program focused on weather-based agro-advisories, drone technology, and crop residue management.

Soil Health and Sustainable Agriculture through Fermented Organic Manure (FOM)

The Division of Agronomy organized two *Goshthis* on February 28, 2026 at village Mahua, Bhind district, and on March 02, 2026 at ITM University Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, under a project supported by Maruti Suzuki India Limited, focusing on promoting sustainable and eco-friendly nutrient management practices. Both programs witnessed the active participation of more than 150 farmers each.



Participation of farmers at the *Kisan Goshthi* on FOM

Natural Farming Awareness Program

A *Kisan Goshthi* under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan was organized at KVK, Shikohpur on February 05, 2026, which was attended by 294 participants. During the program, scientists demonstrated natural farming inputs such as *Jeevamrut*, *Beejamrut*, *Neemastra*, and *Panchgavya*, along with creating awareness about government scheme.



Kisan Goshthi organized at KVK, Shikohpur

Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana

A *Kisan Goshthi*-cum-awareness program on the VB-GRAM-G Scheme and *Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana* was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Shikohpur on January 03-04, 2026 and March 13, 2026, across various villages, to create awareness about various agricultural schemes of the Central and State Governments for rural development and livelihood enhancement. A live broadcast of the address by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi was also screened. He emphasized on new initiatives such as "Per Drop More Crop," promotion of micro-irrigation and solar-powered farming systems to enhance productivity and farmer income. With the release of the 22nd instalment, over ₹18,640 crore was transferred to more than 9.32 crore farmers' accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Both events were attended by approximately 130 farmers.



Farmers at *Kisan Goshthi*-cum-awareness program

Commemoration of Important Days

Prem Aur Seva Sankalp Diwas

Division of Microbiology celebrated '*Prem Aur Seva Sankalp Diwas*' was on March 05, 2026 by planting bougainvillea saplings in the premises of the Division.



Planting of sapling by Director, ICAR-IARI

International Women's Day

International Women's Day was celebrated by KVK, Gurugram, at village Sakatpur on March 08, 2026, with the participation of 60 farm women and girl students, highlighting women's role in agriculture and rural development.



Women centric activities on International Women's Day

World Water Day

On the occasion of World Water Day, the Water Technology Centre, ICAR-IARI, organized a technical program on the theme “Water and Gender” on March 22, 2026. The event was graced by Dr. S.K. Ambast, Hon’ble Member (NRM), ASRB, who highlighted the critical



Release of Publications on World Water Day

role of women in water management, the challenges in accessing water in scarcity-prone areas, and the need for sustainable groundwater use. A brainstorming session on “Empowering Farm Women through Water Literacy and Governance” was conducted in collaboration with DHAN Foundation, during which farmers from six states shared their experiences on efficient water use.

Swachh Bharat Abhiyan: Cleanliness and Plastic-free Campus Initiative

A cleanliness and plastic-free awareness drive was conducted at different Divisions of IARI main campus, regional stations and off campuses with enthusiastic participation from students and staff with a focus on promoting hygiene, environmental responsibility, and reducing plastic usage.

CAPACITY BUILDING

International Collaboration: ICAR–IARI Signs MoU with Dalhousie University, Canada

The Division of Agricultural Physics, facilitated the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dalhousie University on January 28, 2026. The MoU was signed by Dr. Kim Brookes, President, Dalhousie University, Canada and Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI, marking a significant step towards strengthening international collaboration in agricultural research and education.



Signing of MoU between ICAR–IARI and Dalhousie University, Canada

International Scientific Exchange: IARI–Ohio State University Collaboration

A scientific exchange program was initiated with Ohio State University to strengthen global collaboration in agricultural research. Under this program, Dr. R.S. Bana, Senior Scientist, Division of Agronomy, has visited CFAES Rattan Lal Centre for Carbon Management and Sequestration as the first Prof. Rattan Lal Visiting Scholar.



Dr. R.S. Bana, Visiting Scholar with Prof Rattan Lal, at the CFAES Rattan Lal Centre for Carbon Management and Sequestration

Training Program/ Workshop/Conference

Division and Duration of Program	Title of Program
Agronomy	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 05-25, 2026 February 06-08, 2026 March 12-15, 2026 March 26-28, 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precision Agriculture Technologies: Environmental Responsibility and Optimizing Resource Use for Increased Farm Income National Oilseeds Conference-2026 Global Conference on “Contribution of Women in Agri-food Systems” Organic Farming for Higher Income and Environmental Sustainability

Division and Duration of Program	Title of Program
Agricultural Chemicals	
• January 17, 2026	• Advances in Analytical Approaches for Evaluation of Food Safety and Quality
Agricultural Economics	
• January 02, 2026	• Innovation-driven Agribusiness and Agri-startups for Sustainable Rural Transformation
Entomology	
• March 09-11, 2026	• DST-ANRF Sponsored Workshop on “Taxonomy and Molecular Identification of Agriculturally Important Insects”
Agricultural Extension	
• January 05-25, 2026	• Enhancing Managerial and Communication Competencies of Extension Professionals for Achieving Professional Excellence
• February 17-19, 2026	• Skill Development and Agri-entrepreneurship for Enhancing Sustainable Livelihoods of SC Farmers
• March 06-26, 2026	• Developing Agri-entrepreneurial competencies for Farmers Empowerment
• March 09, 2026	• One-day Farmer Training and Awareness Program for SC farmers of Chatra district, Jharkhand, under the project titled “Capacity Building and Livelihood Enhancement of Scheduled Caste Farmers through Input Support in Chatra District, Jharkhand” (in collaboration with ICAR–IARI Jharkhand and KVK Chatra)
• March 11, 2026	• Workshop on “Methodological Framework for Assessing the Effectiveness of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) Stakeholders” under the NEMA Phase II Project
• March 17, 2026	• One-day Farmer Training and Awareness Program for Scheduled Caste (SC) farmers, in Sirmour district of Himachal Pradesh, under the project titled ‘Integrated Capacity Building and Input-based Livelihood Support for Scheduled Caste Farmers (in collaboration with KVK Sirmour)
Floriculture and Landscaping	
• February 16-18, 2026	• Enhancing Farmers’ Income through Commercial Cultivation of Economically Important Flowers in the NCR Region
• February 19-21, 2026	• Nursery Management of Ornamental Plants for Enhancing Farmers’ Income
Fruit Science & Horticultural Technology	
• January 08, 2026	• ICAR Sponsored 21 Days Winter School on “Fruit Breeding for Enhanced Bioactive Compounds and Stress Resilience”
Microbiology	
• February 17-March 09, 2026	• Microbe-mediated Strategies for Alleviation of Abiotic Stress: Bioresources to Technology Development
• February 14-March 23, 2026	• Two days training and Demonstration of Bio-fertilizers under ATMA Project at farmers’ fields of Delhi at different villages in Delhi
Agricultural Physics	
• January 22-24, 2026	• National Seminar on “Innovations in Agrophysics for Green Agriculture” was organized in collaboration with ICAR-IIWM, Bhubaneswar and Indian Society of Agro-Physics. At the event, Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI, delivered the 12 th Dr. B. P. Ghildyal Memorial Lecture.
Plant Pathology	
• February 19-March 11, 2026	• Smart Biocontrol Strategies for Sustainable Plant Disease Management
Plant Physiology	
• January 16, 2026	• Hands-on-training of School Students from Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Pusa Campus
• February 14, 2026	• Awareness-cum-Agricultural Inputs Dissemination Program on Improved Rabi Crop Varieties for SC Farmers under SCSP at Atal Seva Kendra, Gram Panchayat Sukar, District Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan
• March 20, 2026	• Improved Production Technologies for Summer Season Crops and Agricultural Inputs Distribution Program for Scheduled Caste farmers under SCSP at PM SHRI Govt. Sr. Sec School, Village-Sewa, District-Sawai Madhopur, Rajasthan

Division and Duration of Program	Title of Program
Seed Science & Technology	
• January - March, 2026	• Sixteen training programs were organized under SCSP across India on residue management, protected cultivation, Rabi crops, seed production
Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	
• January 19-23, 2026	• ANRF, DST Sponsored Online Training Program on “Strategic Carbon Management: Pathways to Improve Soil Health and Resilience”
• February 24-March 16, 2026	• 21-day Winter School “Advanced Tools and Techniques for Assessment and Management of Pollutants in Soil–Plant–Human Continuum”
• March 08-10, 2026	• A three-day Capacity Building Program on “Soil Health Management through Pusa STFR Meter”
CATAT	
• March 09-13, 2026	• Processing and Scientific Cultivation of Maize, Sweet Corn, Baby Corn
ZTM & BPD Unit	
• February 02-07, 2026	• Entrepreneurship Development through Protected Horticulture Technologies (in collaboration with CPCT)
• February 16-20, 2026	• ‘Start-Up Hydroponics: A Beginner’s Guide for Agripreneurs’ (in collaboration with the Division of Plant Physiology)
ICAR-IARI, Regional Research Centre, Dharwad	
• February 16-21, 2026	• Improved Cultivation Practices for Sustainable Pulses Production under SCSP program
ICAR-IARI, Regional Station, Indore	
• February 16, 2026	• Farmer Training and Wheat Day under the ICAR–NSRI–MP Government project
• March 10-12, 2026	• Three-day training program on “Modern Wheat Production Practices” (in collaboration with ICAR–NSRI, Indore)
ICAR-IARI, Regional Station, Karnal	
• March 17, 2026	• Farmers’ Training Program and Distribution of Agricultural Inputs under SCSP component PM-RKVY
ICAR-IARI, Regional Station, Shimla	
• January 12-14, 2026	• Three-day Training-cum-temperate Fruit Crops Sapling Distribution Program
• February 16, 2026	• One-day Training-cum-temperate Fruit Crops Sapling Distribution Program under the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan
Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Shikohpur	
Farmers Trainings:	
• January 03, 2026	• IPM in Mustard at village Tirpari
• January 04, 2026	• Group dynamics of SHGs at village Sarmathla
• January 04, 2026	• Income generation through value addition activities at village Sarmathla
• January 08-09, 2026	• Health benefits & value addition in millets at village Khwaspur
• January 14, 2026	• Health benefits & value addition in millets at village Sakatpur
• January 15, 2026	• Biological control of insect & pest of cole crops at village Basunda
• January 29-30, 2026	• Location specific drudgery reduction technologies at village Hasanpur
• February 02, 2026	• Location specific drudgery reduction technologies at village Shikohpur
Vocational Trainings:	
• February 16-20, 2026	• Mushroom production technology at KVK, Shikohpur
• February 16-20, 2026	• Preservation of seasonal fruits & Vegetables at KVK, Shikohpur
• March 05-17, 2026	• Mushroom production technology at KVK, Shikohpur
• March 05-21, 2026	• Food Processing Value Addition
• March 13-20, 2026	• Mushroom production technology at KVK, Shikohpur

Division and Duration of Program

Title of Program

In-service Training for Extension Functionaries:

- February 27, 2026
- March 23, 2026
- Establishment of Nutri-garden at Aanganwadi Centers at KVK campus
- Integrated Pest Management in Major Field Crops



Training on “Enhancing Managerial and Communication Competencies of Extension Professionals for Achieving Professional Excellence”

Indo-German Dialogue on Agrivoltaics: Advancing Climate-Smart Energy–Agriculture Integration

On February 26, 2026, ICAR–IARI hosted an Indo-German Dialogue on Agrivoltaics with key stakeholders from India and Germany. The event was attended by H.E. Mr. Jochen Flasbarth, State Secretary, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN) and Shri Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), along with representatives from major ministries and solar organizations. A key highlight was the launch of the Indo-German Agrivoltaics Collaboration (IGCA). The initiative aims to integrate renewable energy solutions with agricultural practices.



Stakeholders at the Indo-German Dialogue on Agrivoltaics

Skill Development Program on Protected Cultivation and Soilless Farming Technologies

The Centre for Protected Cultivation Technology (CPCT) organized a three-month Skill Development Course on “Greenhouse, Hydroponic and Aeroponic Farming” from December 15, 2025–March 14, 2026. The program aimed to impart technical knowledge and hands-on training in advanced protected cultivation technologies, while promoting

entrepreneurship and employment opportunities in modern agriculture. Sponsored by The Graduate School, ICAR-IARI, the course enrolled 15 participants from across the country and included both theoretical and practical sessions.



Trainees at the Skill Development Program on Protected Cultivation

ICAR-IARI Industry Meet on Crop and Horticultural Sciences

ICAR-IARI organized an Industry Meet on January 30, 2026, to strengthen partnerships between research institutions and industry in crop and horticultural sectors. The event focused on accelerating agricultural innovation and technology commercialization through closer collaboration. The Chief Guest, Dr. R.S. Paroda, Chairman (TAAS) and former DG (ICAR) emphasized innovation-driven, sustainable agriculture, highlighting environmental protection, stronger public-private partnerships, and improved IPR frameworks. Dr. M.L. Jat, Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR) stressed upon the importance of industry collaboration in translating research into real-world impact. Dr. D.K. Yadava, DDG (Crop Science), ICAR highlighted trait-based breeding and effective use of germplasm, while Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairman, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPVFRA), emphasized aligning research, education, and extension with industry needs. Industry representatives, including M. Prabhakar Rao, from Nuziveedu Seeds Ltd reaffirmed the need for simplified and flexible collaboration frameworks.



Dignitaries and participants at one-day IARI-Industry Meet of Crop and Horticultural Sciences

ICAR-IARI JHARKHAND HIGHLIGHTS

Farmers Training Program on ‘Recent Advances in Dairy Farming, Processing, and Marketing

ICAR-IARI, Jharkhand organized a three-day training program on “Recent Advances in Dairy Farming, Processing, and Marketing” from March 23–25, 2026 under the SCSP scheme. The program witnessed the participation of 30 farm women and was focused on scientific dairy farming practices, feeding and health management, clean milk production, value addition and marketing strategies.



Farm women at the training program conducted at ICAR-IARI, Jharkhand

ICAR-IARI ASSAM HIGHLIGHTS

Mega Kisan Mela on Natural Farming for Sustainable Agriculture

ICAR-IARI, Assam organized its first-ever Mega Kisan Mela on February 28, 2026 at Gogamukh, Assam under the theme “Natural Farming for Sustainable Agriculture”. The mela was graced by Shri Ranoj Pegu, Hon’ble Minister, Government of Assam and attracted over 1,500 farmers and stakeholders from Assam and neighbouring states. Around 32 exhibition stalls on natural farming technologies, organic inputs, millet innovations, mechanization tools, drone applications and value-added products were arranged.



Shri. Ranoj Pegu, Hon’ble Minister, Government of Assam interacting with stakeholders

Drone-based Precision Spraying Demonstrations

A series of eight live demonstrations on drone-based precision spraying were conducted across multiple locations in Assam. The demonstrations highlighted benefits such as uniform spray coverage, reduced chemical use, labour savings, and improved safety by minimizing human exposure.



Live demonstration of drone-based precision spraying at farmer’s field in Assam

RESEARCH GRANTS, TECHNOLOGY COMMERCIALIZATION AND AGRIPRENEURSHIP

Externally funded/Contractual/Consultancy Projects Sanctioned and Implemented (> ₹10 lakhs)

Project Title	Amount (₹ in lakhs)	Duration	Funding Agency	Principal Investigator
Intervention of improved agricultural technologies for transforming agriculture for enhancing farmer's income in Uttar Pradesh	25.28	January 09, 2026 - March 31, 2030	UPCAR	Dr. Rajiv Kumar Singh, PS, Division of Agronomy
Immersive Agricultural Learning: Development of AR/VR-based capacity building modules, e-content & resources for different stakeholders	540.99	January 28, 2026 - March 31, 2026	Agricultural Education Division ICAR	Dr. Sitaram Bishnoi, SS, Division of Agricultural Extension
Integrated capacity building and input based livelihood support for scheduled caste farmers in Sirmaur and Solan Districts of Himachal Pradesh	60.00	February 20, 2026 - March 31, 2026	Agricultural Education Division ICAR	Dr. Sitaram Bishnoi, SS, Division of Agricultural Extension
Capacity building and livelihood enhancement of scheduled caste farmers through input support in Chatra District, Jharkhand	60.00	February 20, 2026 - March 31, 2026	Agricultural Education Division ICAR	Dr. M S Nain, PS, Division of Agricultural Extension
Integrated farming for developing employable skills in agricultural studies	47.50	February 24, 2026 - March 31, 2026	Agricultural Education Division ICAR	Dr. Sanjay Singh Rathore, Head, Division of Agronomy
Deciphering genomic regions of key basmati traits through resequencing	50.00	February 24, 2026 - March 31, 2028	ICAR Corpus Fund	Dr. Ranjith Kumar Ellur, S, Division of Genetics
Accelerated development of high oil multivitamin-rich maize hybrids for enhanced bioavailability, high energy, and industrial applications	49.00	February 24, 2026 - December 31, 2028	ICAR Corpus Fund	Dr. Vignesh Muthusamy, SS, Division of Genetics
Development of soybean yellow mottle mosaic virus-based gene expression and silencing vector for functional genomics studies in legumes	48.17	February 24, 2026 - December 31, 2028	ICAR Corpus Fund	Dr. Nagamani Sandra, SS, Division of Seed Science & Technology
Field diagnostics of resistance in brown plant hopper, <i>Nilaparvata lugens</i> (Stal) against recommended insecticide molecules	39.62	February 24, 2026 - December 31, 2028	ICAR Corpus Fund	Dr. Rajna S, SS, Division of Entomology
Durable management of yellow mosaic disease of mung bean by double stranded RNA immunization and identification of proviral factors for targeted genome editing	50.00	February 24, 2026 - December 31, 2028	ICAR Corpus Fund	Dr. Susheel Kumar Sharma, SS, Division of Plant Pathology
Novel mutants in guava for enhanced seed mellowness	48.50	February 25, 2026 - December 31, 2028	ICAR Corpus Fund	Dr. Chavlesh Kumar, SS, Division of FHT
Designing plant based smart proteins to mimic the properties of animal proteins ensuring widespread consumer adoption and satisfaction	92.84	February 25, 2026 - February 24, 2028	DBT	Dr. Vinutha T, SS, Division of Biochemistry

Project Title	Amount (₹ in lakhs)	Duration	Funding Agency	Principal Investigator
From field to a greener sip: upscaling specialty wheat (Pusa Srijan) for biodegradable straws to replace plastic	43.08	March 05, 2026 - March 04, 2028	DBT	Dr. Naresh Kumar, SS, Division of Genetics
Gendered vulnerability and livelihood resiliency of mandarin growers: Outlining the pathways for women empowerment	49.80	March 05, 2026 - December 31, 2028	ICAR Corpus Fund	Dr. Sujit Sarkar, SS, IARI RS, Kalimpong
Rapid AI-led Agri-Food Glycemic Index Sensor (RAAGIS): A technology for nutrition revolution	10.93	March 06, 2026 - September 05, 2027	TIH-IoT IIT Bombay	Dr. Veda Krishnan, SS, Division of Biochemistry
Quality improvement in wheat	22.00	March 06, 2026 - March 31, 2027	ICARDA	Dr. S K Singh, PS, Division of Genetics
Site specific recharge of overexploited aquifers for groundwater resource augmentation	49.30	March 10, 2026 - December 31, 2028	ICAR Corpus Fund	Dr. Jitendra Rajput, S, Division of Engineering
Harnessing mycorrhizosphere synergies to regulate carbon-nitrogen balance and GHG emissions in maize-wheat cropping systems	160.51	March 13, 2026 - March 12, 2029	Ignite Life Science Foundation	Dr. Seema Sangwan, SS, Division of Microbiology
Evaluation of nanourea on crop productivity and nitrogen use efficiency in diverse agro-ecological zones of India	100.88	March 13, 2026 - March 12, 2029	Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers	Dr. Manoj Srivastava, PS, Division of Environmental Sciences
Contract Research Project				
Evaluation of toxicity of formulations B169, C067A against model nematode <i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i> , cyst nematode <i>Heterodera avenae</i> and <i>Pratylenchus spp.</i> in maize and wheat crops	19.99	January 01, 2026 - December 31, 2026	M/s SML Limited	Dr. Vishal Singh Somvanshi, PS, Division of Nematology
Quantifying rice greenhouse gas emissions (Queri): impact of water management and sowing techniques in Telangana, India	51.44	March 16, 2026 - March 15, 2027)	Mitti AgriCarbon India Private Limited	Dr. Arti Bhatia, PS, Division of Environmental Sciences
Contract Service Project				
Impact assessment of spreading happiness-DSR Acre Next project	18.37	March 25, 2026 - March 24, 2027	Corteva Agriscience Pvt. Ltd.	Dr. Alka Singh, Head, Division of Agricultural Economics
Collaborative Project under CSR fund				
Establishment of Climate Resilient Green Agriculture (CARIGAR) Lab at the Division of Environmental Science	651.00	January 13, 2026 - January 12, 2027	ICICI Foundation	Dr. S. Naresh Kumar, Head, Division of Environmental Sciences



Signing of MoU between ICAR-IARI and ICICI Foundation

Technology Commercialization

Under the Lab to Land Initiative, 14 technologies were commercialized to 10 industry partners, resulting in a total revenue generation of ₹13.15 lakh.

IP Management

In the last quarter, the ZTM-BPD unit filed three patents, two copyrights and one trademark. The details of which are provided below;

Application No	Name of Innovation	Divisions	Status
7574858	Pearly Pearl [Device Mark class # 30]	Biochemistry	Trademark Filed
202611003075	Linear Scanning Type Disease Detection Based Target Specific Spraying Robotic System	Agricultural Engineering	Patent Filed
202611009622	Process of Extraction of High Molecular Weight Bioactive Lentinan from Mushrooms	Biochemistry	Patent Filed
202611009623	Compact Power Train for Multi-Speed Agriculture Operations in Small Farms	Agricultural Engineering	Patent Filed
SW-11259/2026-CO	BasmaPep	ICAR-IARI-RBGR	Copyright Filed
SW-11393/2026-CO	Algorithm for Enhanced 3d Human Pose Estimation with Real Time Ergonomic Assessment and Motion Analysis	Agricultural Engineering	Copyright Filed

ITMC Meeting

In the last quarter, one ITMC meeting was held on February 06, 2026 at ZTM & BPD Unit, ICAR-IARI during which 22 technologies were approved for IP protection and 25 technologies were approved for commercialization.

Incubation Activities

ICAR-SHITIJ: Advancing Agri-Startups through Research-Innovation Convergence

Pusa Krishi launched ICAR-SHITIJ on January 05, 2026 as a flagship agri-innovation facilitation program under ICAR. The initiative aims to strengthen linkages between agri-startups and the ICAR research ecosystem by supporting early-stage innovations, technology validation, and commercialization. Operating

on a hub-and-spoke model, IARI serves as the central hub with ICAR institutes such as IIHR, IISR, IIOR, and NBAIR as specialized spokes.

A four-week intensive program (February 09–March 06, 2026), focused on Plant Health and Precision Agriculture, guided startups from idea validation to investment readiness through expert

mentoring and interactive sessions. Out of 233 applications, 46 startups were selected, reflecting strong national interest in agri-innovation.

SAMARTH 2026: Empowering Incubators for a Robust Startup Ecosystem

Pusa Krishi organized SAMARTH 2026 – ‘Empowering the Incubators’ on March 19-



Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao addressing the startups at SAMARTH-2026

20, 2026 at the NASC under the RKVY-RAFTAAR scheme. The two-day workshop brought together 31 incubators from across India attending sessions on startup equity and valuation, innovation financing, incubation strategies, leadership and ecosystem development.

MoU on Agro-Homoeopathy Research with CCRH

The Division of Plant Physiology, ICAR-IARI, signed two MoUs with Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH)

on February 19, 2026. The collaboration aims to undertake research on agro-homoeopathy with financial support from CCRH, focusing on developing sustainable and eco-friendly approaches in agriculture.



Signing of MoU between ICAR-IARI and CCRH, New Delhi

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES, AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS AND VISITS

Institutional Activities and Governance

Inauguration of Crop Accelerator

The Crop Accelerator, a speed breeding facility, is being established at ICAR-IARI, through funding from the ICAR EFC project on “Enhancing climate resilience and ensuring food security with genome editing tools” and the NFSM, Department of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare project on “Establishing Speed Breeding (Rapid Generation Advancement) facility for Genome Editing Research”. This will enable precise regulation of environmental factors to hasten the breeding efficiency in crops.

Crop Screen

A high-tech glasshouse facilities, will also be established through funding from the ICAR EFC project



Laying of Foundation stone of Crop Accelerator facility at ICAR-IARI

on Consortia Research Platforms on Molecular Breeding and Hybrid Technology, to enable precise control of environmental factors for accurate evaluation of biotic and abiotic stress responses.

Inauguration of Robotics and AI Laboratory

The robotics and artificial intelligence laboratory was inaugurated on February 06, 2026 at the Division of Agricultural Engineering by Dr. M.L. Jat, Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR. The facility focuses on developing automated and intelligent farming solutions, including robotics for precision agriculture, crop monitoring, and resource optimization. It also supports capacity building for farmers, students and professionals.



Inauguration of Robotics and AI Laboratory by Dr. M.L. Jat, Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR

Meetings held during January-March 2026

Meetings	Date	Focus Points
Institute Research Committee (IRC-II, 2024–25)	December 22, 2025 to February 02, 2026	Review action taken reports and research progress across 51 in-house projects and 5 flagships programs
Research Advisory Committee (RAC)	February 23–24, 2026	Review institutional achievements and provide strategic guidance for future research direction
Unified Board of Management (BoM) meeting of ICAR-IARI	February 12, 2026	Discussion on key administrative, academic and strategic issues to ensure effective governance and coordination across IARI campuses.
Three meetings of Senior Officers Council (SOC)	January-March, 2026	To review research, education and administration related activities, to improve interdepartmental coordination and plan for future initiatives and programs.



IRC-II 2024-25 meeting



Meeting of Senior Officers Council



Research Advisory Committee

Awards and Honours

- IARI-Pusa Krishi, Pusa Taksay was awarded the “Best Incubator Award”, conferred by Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon’ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on March 09, 2026.



Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao Director, ICAR- IARI, receiving the Best Incubator Award

- Vasvik Industrial Award in Agriculture was conferred upon Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao Director, ICAR-IARI for his outstanding contributions in Field Application Orientated Technology Development at Mumbai.



Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao Director, ICAR-IARI, receiving the Vasvik Industrial Award in Agriculture

- Dr. Anupama Singh, Joint Director (Edn.) & Dean, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi received the SAHIT Achiever's Award 2025, jointly presented by SAHIT Foundation, INSA ASSOCHAM and Miranda House, Delhi University.
- Dr. S. Naresh Kumar, Head, and Dr. Arti Bhatia, Principal Scientist, Division of Environmental Sciences was selected as Lead Author for the IPCC AR7 Working Group II-III, respectively, and inducted as Fellow of NAAS.
- Dr. Manoj Shrivastava, Principal Scientist, Division of Environmental Sciences, was inducted as Fellow of National Environmental Science Academy.
- Dr. Roaf Ahmad Parray Scientist, Division of Agril Engineering and Dr. Veda Krishnan, Scientist, Division of Biochemistry, received the 5th Dr. H.K Jain Memorial Young Scientist Award.

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International Visits of IARI Scientists

- Dr. Haritha Bollinedi, Senior Scientist, Division of Genetics,

was awarded Fulbright-Nehru Academic and Professional Excellence Fellowship from March 01 to November 30, 2026 at University of Washington, Seattle, USA.

- Dr. Harshawardhan Chaudhary, Principal Scientist, Division of Vegetable Science, visited Da Lat, Vietnam from January 14-15, 2026 for presentation on “Designing varieties of vegetable crops for greenhouse cultivation in India.”
- Dr. Pranjal Yadava, Senior Scientist, Division of Plant Physiology, is visiting Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Alnarp, Sweden from March 23-September 16, 2026 for training on “Transgene-free protoplast-based CRISPR RNP editing system in *Brassica*.”
- Dr. R. S. Bana, Senior Scientist, Division of Agronomy, is a visiting scholar at CFAES Rattan Lal Center for Carbon Management and Sequestration.

Ohio State University, Columbus, USA from March 01-June 01, 2026.

- Dr. Sanjay Singh Rathore, Head and Principal Scientist, Division of Agronomy, visited Morocco from February 01-08, 2026 under Scientist Exchange Program on “Agri Extension: Empowering Farmers through Nutrient Management with FPO Collaboration.”
- Dr. Veda Krishnan, Senior Scientist, Division of Biochemistry, visited Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia from March 27-April 06, 2026 for a review meeting on “Developing Nutrient-rich, Sustainable, and Resilient Food Systems using Minor Cereals,” in collaboration with IBERS, United Kingdom and Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia.

Visits of National & International Dignitaries / Delegations to IARI



Visit by newly recruited Probationary Officers of Canara Bank at Krishi Vigyan Kendra Gurugram (January 30, 2026)



Visit of delegates from Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR), Canberra, Australia (February 10, 2026)



Visit of Sri Lankan delegation (February 07, 2026)



Visit of Hon'ble Vice President of Bolivia, H.E. Mr. Edmundo Lara Montaña (February 18, 2026)



Visit of CIMMYT-BISA (February 20, 2026)



Visit of Prof. Baljit Singh, VP (Res.) and Prof. Steve Shirtliffe (Director), NCDSA, University of Saskatchewan, Canada (February 20, 2026)



Visit of IAS Officer Trainees from Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (March 09 and March 12, 2026)

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