

## German Delegation Visits ICAR-IARI

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A delegation comprising of Dr. Margareta Büning-Fesel, Prof. Christa Kühn, Prof. Dr. Birgit Kleinschmit, Prof. Dr. Andreas Hensel, Dr. Marina Rusch, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL), Germany, & Mrs. Ingeborg Bayer from German Embassy to India visited ICAR-IARI on 18 March 2025.

Dr. Viswanathan, Joint Director of Research at IARI, provided an overview of the IARI's achievements in research in terms of development of bio-fortified & climate-resilient crop varieties, improving water efficiency, and enhancing soil health. Dr. G.K. Gaur, ADG (Animal Production and Breeding) gave the role of ICAR in managing animal health through 19 Research Institutes and their Regional Centers/Stations. Dr. Bikash Mandal, ADG (International Relations) appraised about the functioning of ICAR and the mechanism of cooperation between research institutes of governments.

The discussion led to identification of areas of cooperation like climate-resilient crops, precision agriculture, and agri-tech innovations, food safety, organic farming, animal health, and smart farming technologies. The deliberation was also on cutting-edge advancements, application of satellite imaging, genomic research, and AI-powered crop monitoring to enhance agricultural resilience. It was also agreed to have MoU between the two countries to enhance collaboration and cooperation between the countries.



The visit concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Viswanathan, who appreciated the delegation's participation and reiterated the potential for future Indo-German agricultural collaborations.

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