

Convocation **64** Week Programme

February 8-13, 2026



Venue
Agricultural Engineering Auditorium
ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
&
Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium
NASC Complex, New Delhi



The Graduate School
ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute
New Delhi - 110012



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Time : 09.00 - 17.30 hrs

Presentation of "Significant Post Graduate Student's Research" by M.Sc./M.Tech. students for "Merit Medals" and "NABARD-Professor VL Chopra Gold Medal & Best Student of the Year" awards

Venue : Agricultural Engineering Auditorium, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

Convenor : Dr. Anil Dahuja, IQAC Coordinator & Principal Scientist, Biochemistry

Co-Convenor : Dr. Atul Kumar, Associate Dean (PG) & Principal Scientist, SST Chairperson's Remarks

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

Time : 09.00 - 17.30 hrs

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Presentation of Significant Educational Achievements for the year 2025 by the Professors representing different Schools of the teaching disciplines

Venue : Agricultural Engineering Auditorium, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

Convenor : Dr. Jasdeep C. Padaria, Professor, MBB

Co-Convenor : Dr. Monika Atul Joshi, Associate Dean (Off-campuses) & Professor, SST

Co-Convenor : Dr. Shruti Sethi, Principal Scientist, FS&PHT

Session I - Crop Improvement

Time : 09.30-11.00 hrs

Chairman : Dr. B. M. Prasanna, Distinguished Scientist, CIMMYT & Director CIMMYT-Asia

Dr. C. Bharadwaj : Genetics and Plant Breeding

Dr. Sunil Archak : Plant Genetic Resources

Dr. Monika A. Joshi : Seed Science & Technology

Chairperson's Remarks

Session II – Crop Protection

Time : 11.30-13.05 hrs

Chairman : Dr. C. D. Mayee, Former Chairperson, ASRB, ICAR, New Delhi

Dr. Suman Gupta : Agricultural Chemicals

Dr. Subramanian S. : Entomology

Dr. Anil Sirohi : Nematology

Dr. Aundy Kumar : Plant Pathology

Chairperson's Remarks

Session III – Natural Resource Management

Time	:	14.15-16.35 hrs
Chairman	:	Dr. V. N. Sharda, Former Member, ASRB, ICAR, New Delhi
Dr. Murtaza Hasan		Agricultural Engineering
Dr. P. Krishnan		Agricultural Physics
Dr. Y.S. Shivay		Agronomy
Dr. D.K. Sharma		Environmental Sciences
Dr. Rajeev Kaushik		Microbiology
Dr. T.J. Purakayastha		Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry
Dr. Khajanchi Lal		Water Science & Technology
		Chairperson's Remarks

Session IV – Basic Sciences

Time	:	17.00-18.15 hrs
Chairman	:	Dr. A. K. Shasany, Director, CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Lucknow
Dr. Ranjeet R. Kumar		Biochemistry
Dr. Jasdeep C. Padaria		Molecular Biology & Biotechnology
Dr. Anjali Anand		Plant Physiology
		Chairperson's Remarks

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

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Session V – Horticultural Sciences

Time : 09.30-11.05 hrs

Chairman : Dr. Danda Raji Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, Sri Koda Laxman

Telangana Horticultural University (SKLTHU), Mulugu, Telangana

Dr. K.P. Singh : Floriculture & Landscape Architecture

Dr. R.M. Sharma : Fruit Science

Dr. Ram Asrey : Post Harvest Management

Dr. R.K. Yadav : Vegetable Science

Chairperson's Remarks

Session VI – Social Sciences

Time : 11.30-13.00 hrs

Chairman : Dr. Smita Sirohi, ICAR-National Professor & MS Swaminathan Chair, National Institute for Agricultural Economics & Policy Research, New Delhi

Dr. Pramod Kumar : Agricultural Economics

Dr. M.S. Nain : Agricultural Extension

Dr. Cini Varghese : Agricultural Statistics

Dr. Sarika : Bioinformatics

Dr. Alka Arora : Computer Application

Chairperson's Remarks

Time	:	14.30-15.30 hrs
Lecture by the Recipient of XXIV Sukumar Basu Memorial Award (Biennial 2023-24)		
Venue	:	Agricultural Engineering Auditorium, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
Chairperson	:
Convenor	:	Dr. Anupama Singh, Joint Director (Edn.) & Dean, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi Chairperson's Remarks
Time	:	16.00-17.30 hrs
425th Meeting of the Academic Council, ICAR-IARI		
Venue	:	Agricultural Engineering Auditorium, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
Chairman	:	Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026		
Time	:	10.00-11.30 hrs
56th Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Lecture		
Venue	:	Agricultural Engineering Auditorium, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
Speaker	:	Dr. M.L. Jat, Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, New Delhi
Chairperson	:	Dr. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog, Govt. of India, New Delhi
Time	:	12.00-13.00 hrs
Press Conference		
Venue	:	Agricultural Engineering Auditorium, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
Time	:	14.30-15.30 hrs
Meeting of the Board of Management, ICAR-IARI		
Venue	:	Prof. M.S. Swaminathan National Agricultural Science Library Conference Hall, IARI, New Delhi
Chairman	:	Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
Time	:	16.00-17.30 hrs
Full Dress Rehearsal		
Venue	:	Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium, NASC Complex, New Delhi
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026		
Time	:	14.00-15.30 hrs
64th Convocation		
Chief Guest	:	Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Govt. of India
Venue	:	Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium, NASC Complex, New Delhi
Time	:	15.30-17.30 hrs
Farewell to Degree Recipients in the Divisions		
Time	:	17.30-18.30 hrs
Felicitation of Awardees at Conference Hall, Prof. M.S. Swaminathan National Agricultural Science Library, IARI, New Delhi		
Time	:	19.30-20.30 hrs
Cultural Programme		
Venue	:	Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium, NASC Complex, New Delhi