

Convocation 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-campus) & 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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Convenor	:	Dr. Jasdeep C. Padaria, Professor, MBB
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Co-Convenor	:	Dr. Shruti Sethi, Principal Scientist, FS&PHT

Session V – Horticultural Sciences

Time	:	09.30-11.05 hrs
Chairman	:	Dr. Danda Raji Reddy, Vice-Chancellor, Sri Koda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University (SKLTGHU), 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,
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