

64th Convocation of ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi

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The 64th Convocation of ICAR–Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-IARI), New Delhi started with the Professors presentations on 11th February 2026 at the Agricultural Engineering Auditorium of ICAR–Indian Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-IARI), New Delhi. The programme was organized under the convenorship of Dr. Jasdeep C. Padaria, Professor, MBB, with Dr. Shruti Sethi, Principal Scientist, FS&PHT, as Co-Convenors in the esteemed presence of Dr. Anupama Singh, Dean & Joint Director (Education) and Dr PS Brahmanand, Project Director, WTC. The programme highlighted major scientific contributions emerging from the School of Horticultural Sciences and School of Social Sciences.

Session V- Horticultural Sciences was chaired by Dr. Raji Reddy Danda, Vice-Chancellor, Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University, Telangana and featured presentations by Dr. Dr Kanwar Pal Singh (Floriculture & Landscaping), Dr. Radha Mohan Sharma (Fruits and Horticultural Technology), Dr. Ram Asrey (Food Science & Post Harvest Technology) and Dr RK Yadav (Vegetable Science). The School of Horticultural Sciences highlighted significant accomplishments through innovative, non-chemical post-harvest technologies, including eco-friendly treatment protocols that enhance the retention of health-promoting compounds, maintain produce quality, reduce decay, and extend the storage life of bell pepper and grapes. Also, optimised enzymatic processing technologies to improve the recovery of natural pigments from horticultural by-products, promoting value addition and waste utilisation.

The Session VI- Social Science was chaired by Dr. Smita Sirohi, ICAR National Professor, MS Swaminathan Chair, National Institute for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research, New Delhi with technical inputs from Dr. Pramod Kumar (Agricultural Economics) and Dr. Manjeet Singh Nain (Agricultural Extension) Dr Cini Varghese (Agricultural Statistics) Dr Sarika (Bioinformatics) and Dr Alka (Computer Applications). The School of Social Sciences highlighted their substantial contributions to evidence-based policy formulation, technology adoption, farmer income enhancement, agri-entrepreneurship, and knowledge dissemination. Comprehensive assessments of major technological and institutional interventions—including FPOs, Kisan Credit Cards, neem-coated urea, solar pumps, digital agriculture platforms, forecasting system, and emerging carbon markets highlighted their potential to raise farmer incomes and improve resource-use efficiency. They also showcased their advanced methodological research in experimental design, survey sampling, and statistical modelling and web-based tools supported large-scale agricultural experimentation and delivered robust statistical solutions for policy analysis and price forecasting. After each session, the remarks of the Chairperson emphasized interdisciplinary research integration, technology translation, and farmer-centric innovation. Overall, the

programme highlighted its cumulative contributions of different tools and technologies being developed in order to address national priorities related to food security, post-harvest technologies, sustainability, and digital agriculture platforms.

In the second Session Lecture was delivered by Dr T K Bhattacharya, Director NRC Equines, Hisar, the recipient of XXIV Sukumar Basu Memorial Award (Biennial 2023-24). The session was chaired by Dr KML Pathak, former Vice-Chancellor, DUVASU, Mathura and former Deputy Director General (Animal Sciences) at ICAR. During his lecture he highlighted Transgenic chickpea as bioreactor and development of genome edited chicken for improving egg production. He highlighted the development of dual chicken cross and coloured dual chicken cross among many. The lecture was attended by the scientists and staff in large number.





Glimpses of fourth day (11.02.2026) of 64th Convocation Programme of ICAR-IARI, New Delhi