





National Seminar on

IARI Towards a World-class Higher Education Institution

Organized by

IARI Alumni Association (IAA) & ICAR- Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi

Date: September 29-30, 2025

Venue: ICAR Lecture Hall, II Floor, NASC, New Delhi-110012

TECHNICAL PROGRAMME

Day1:September29,2025			
08:30AM-09:30AM	Registration		
09:30AM-10:45AM	Inaugural session		
	Welcome and	Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao	
	Setting the	Chief Patron, IAA & Director, IARI,	
	Context	New Delhi	
	Address by Chief	Dr. M. L. Jat	
	Guest	Secretary DARE & DG, ICAR, New	
		Delhi	
	Address by	Dr. R.S. Paroda	
	Chairperson	President, IAA & Former Secretary,	
		DARE & DG, ICAR, New Delhi	
	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Anil Kumar Singh	
		Secretary, IAA & Former VC, RVSKVV,	
		Gwalior	
10:45AM-11:30AM	Group Photograph and Tea Break		

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11:30AM-01:30PM	Panel Discussion – Achieving Global HEI Ecosystem	
	Co-Chair: Prof. R.B. Singh, Former Director, IARI and Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi Co-Chair: Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi Convener: Dr. Anil Dahuja, IQAC Coordinator, IARI Rapporteur: Dr. G. Prakash, IARI, New Delhi	
LeadLecture 11:30AM-11:50AM	Dr. Anupama Singh, Patron, IAA &Dean, IARI, New Delhi IARI as Global HEI-SWOT Analysis & Way Forward	
11:50AM-12:00PM	Dr. P.K. Khosla, Chancellor, Shoolini University, Solan	
12:00PM-12:10PM	Dr. R.S. Kanwar, Former VC, LPU, Phagwara	
12:10PM-12:20PM	Dr. K. Maredia, Director, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources International Programs, Michigan State University	
12:20PM-12:30PM	Dr. Neena Mitter, Deputy Vice Chancellor Associate (Global Research), Charles Sturt University, Australia	
12:30PM-01:30PM	Discussion and Conclusion	
01:30PM-02:30 PM	Lunch Break	
02:30PM-05:00 PM	Expert Dialogue - Strategies to become MERU	
	Co-Chair: Dr. S.L. Mehta, Former VC, MPUAT, Udaipur Co-Chair: Dr. Anupam Varma, Adjunct Professor, IARI Convener: Dr. Monika Joshi, IARI, New Delhi Rapporteur: Dr.R.S. Bana, IARI, New Delhi	
Lead Lectures 02:30PM-02:50PM	Dr. J. K. Jena, DDG (Agril. Education) ICAR-Initiatives towards implementation of NEP	
02:50PM-03:10PM	Dr. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Director, Academy of Scientific & Innovative Research (AcSIR), Ghaziabad Strategic landscape of innovation ecosystem in AcSIR vs. IARI	

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	Presentation of Best Essay by Ms. Sakshi Singh*	
12:10PM-01:10PM	Dr. Veda Krishnan, Sr. Scientist, Biochemistry, IARI	
12:10PWI-01:10PWI	Dr. Vishal Somvanshi, Pr. Scientist, Nematology, IARI	
	Dr. Amalendu Ghosh, Sr. Scientist, Plant	
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	Dr. Vignesh M., Sr. Scientist, Genetics, ICAR-IARI	
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^{*}Winner of the essay competition organized by the Dean in advance for IARI students on the topic "Envisioning IARI to be a World-class Research and Higher Education Institution". Awardees (1st and 2nd) will be given certificates in the Valedictory Session.