



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 Setting the Context	Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao Chief Patron, IAA & Director, IARI, New Delhi
	Address by Chief Guest	Dr. M. L. Jat Secretary DARE & DG, ICAR, New Delhi
	Address by Chairperson	Dr. R.S. Paroda 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	

Day1: September 29, 2025	
11:30AM–01:30PM	Panel Discussion– <i>Achieving Global HEI Ecosystem</i> 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 <i>IARI as Global HEI-SWOT Analysis & Way Forward</i>
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 – <i>Strategies to become MERU</i> 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) <i>ICAR–Initiatives towards implementation of NEP</i>
02:50PM–03:10PM	Dr. Manoj Kumar Dhar, Director, Academy of Scientific & Innovative Research (AcSIR), Ghaziabad <i>Strategic landscape of innovation ecosystem in AcSIR vs. IARI</i>

Day1: September 29, 2025	
03:10PM–03:30 PM	• Prof. U.P. Singh, Director, (IAS), BHU, Varanasi <i>Research Institute-cum-Deemed University's strategy to become MERU</i>
3:30PM–04:00PM	Open discussion on the above presentations
4:00PM–04:20PM	• Dr. Avichal Raj Kapur, Joint Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi <i>NEP in simple terms for IARI</i>
04:20PM–05:00PM	Open Discussion and Conclusion
05:00PM–06:00PM	Tea Break
06:00PM–07:00PM	Plenary Lecture Chair: Dr. R.S. Paroda, President, IAA & Chairman, TAAS Convener: Dr. Anil K. Singh, Secretary, IAA Rapporteur: Dr. Vignesh M, IARI, New Delhi
Speaker	Prof. Kadambot Siddique , Hackett Professor Chair, University of Western Australia, Perth <i>Untapped Opportunities for IARI Towards Global University</i>
07:00PM–08:30PM	Networking Dinner
Day2: September 30, 2025	
09:30AM–11:00AM	Technical Session – IARI to be a Vibrant Entrepreneurial Hub Co-Chair: Dr. Ch Srinivasa Rao, Director, IARI, New Delhi Co-Chair: Dr. Anil K. Singh, Secretary, IAA Convener: Dr. Akriti Sharma, IARI, New Delhi Rapporteur: Dr. Subhashree Sahu, IARI, New Delhi
Lead Lecture 09:30AM–09:50AM	• Dr. R.C. Agrawal, Fmr. DDG (Edn.) <i>Lessons Learnt from the Incubators Established Under NAHEP</i>
Lectures 09:50AM–10:30AM	• Dr. S. Baskar Reddy, Senior Advisor, Syngenta Foundation India
	• Dr. Neeru Bhooshan, ADG, ICAR
	• Dr. P. Malik, Agrinnovate Ltd., ICAR
	• Mr. Hemendra Mathur, Investor & Co-Founder, ThinkAg
10:30AM–11:00AM	Discussion and Conclusion

11:00AM–11:30AM	Tea Break
Day2: September30, 2025	
11:30AM–01:30PM	Panel Discussion – Youth Forum on ‘IARI International’ Co-Chair: Dr. R.C. Agrawal , Fmr. DDG(Edn.), ICAR Co-Chair: Dr. Ashok K. Singh , Fmr. Director, IARI Convener: Dr. K.K. Vinod , IARI, New Delhi Rapporteur: Dr. Ambika Rajendran , IARI, New Delhi
Lead Lecture 11:30AM–11:50AM	Dr. C. Viswanathan, JD(R), ICAR-IARI <i>Role of youth towards IARI International</i>
11:50AM–12:10PM	Mr. Ayush, E&Y <i>QS Ranking-Priority setting for IARI</i>
12:10PM–01:10PM	Presentation of Best Essay by Ms. Sakshi Singh*
	Dr. Veda Krishnan, Sr. Scientist, Biochemistry, IARI
	Dr. Vishal Somvanshi, Pr. Scientist, Nematology, IARI
	Dr. Amalendu Ghosh, Sr. Scientist, Plant Pathology, IARI
	Dr. Vignesh M., Sr. Scientist, Genetics, ICAR-IARI
	Dr. R.S. Bana, Senior Scientist, Agronomy
01:10PM–01:30PM	Discussion and Conclusion
01:30PM–02:30PM	Lunch
02:30PM–04:00PM	Valedictory Session Co-Chair: Dr. R.S. Paroda, President, IAA Co-Chair: Dr.Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Chief Patron, IAA & Director, IARI Presentation of Recommendations–Dr. Anil K. Singh , Secretary, IAA Award distribution to best essay awardees Concluding Remarks by Co- Chairs Vote of Thanks: Dr. R. Roy Burman , Treasurer, IAA
04:00PM	Tea

*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.