



IARI towards a World Class Higher Education Institution

National Seminar

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The seminar aims to develop a strategic action plan for transforming IARI into a world-class agricultural research and education university aligned with NEP 2020 and global ranking frameworks

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Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

It gives us great pleasure to invite you to participate in the forthcoming National Seminar on "IARI Towards World-Class Higher Education Institution", a landmark event aimed at charting the roadmap for transforming the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) into a globally ranked, research-intensive university of agricultural and allied sciences.

Agriculture has always been the backbone of India's economy and food security. As the challenges of climate change, sustainability, food demand, and technological disruptions grow, agricultural research and education must evolve to meet global benchmarks. The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has opened an unprecedented window of opportunity to reimagine higher education institutions in India as multidisciplinary, innovation-driven, and internationally competitive entities. In this context, IARI aspires to position itself among the world's top 50 agricultural universities by 2030.

The proposed seminar will serve as a brainstorming platform to align IARI's vision with international standards of excellence, ensuring its contributions lead to not only India's progress but also global agricultural sustainability.

This seminar seeks to bring together 100 distinguished experts, academicians, policymakers, alumni, and industry leaders to collectively identify actionable strategies, specifically, to chart objective, implementable steps in line with NEP 2020 and global university ranking frameworks; to evolve a time-bound action plan for IARI's transformation over the next 1, 3, and 5 years; and to frame a roadmap for leveraging the strength of the IARI alumni network in achieving world-class status.

The seminar will revolve around five critical themes: (i) Strategic Vision and Global Benchmarking – drawing lessons from globally ranked institutions, (ii) Enhancing Academic and Research Excellence – promoting innovation, publications, and intellectual property, (iii) Institutional Strengthening and Operational Improvements – ensuring academic freedom, good governance, and modern infrastructure, (iv) Internationalization and Collaboration – fostering student and faculty exchanges, joint degree programs, and partnerships with global universities; and, (v) Strategic Planning and Implementation – building consensus on a forward-looking action plan.

The seminar is designed to yield concrete and measurable outcomes, such as, a strategic roadmap to elevate IARI into a world-class multidisciplinary agricultural university; strengthened alumni engagement and resource mobilization; enhanced global visibility of IARI through international collaborations, conferences, and academic exchanges; preparation of high-quality human resources capable of leading national and global agricultural transformation; increased enrolment and recognition of agricultural sciences as a preferred career for the youth.

This seminar is not just a meeting; it is a vision-setting exercise for the future of agricultural research and education in India and beyond. The transformation of IARI into a globally benchmarked institution will serve as a catalyst for strengthening food systems, empowering farmers, and ensuring sustainable development. By participating, you will be contributing to shaping an institution that will impact generations of students, researchers, and farming communities worldwide.

We warmly invite you to join us in this vital dialogue and partner in this historic journey of reimagining IARI's future. Together, let us envision and act for a stronger, more resilient, and globally respected agricultural education ecosystem.

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