

Proceedings of the General Body (GB) Meeting held on December 2, 2025

The General Body Meeting of IARI Alumni Association was held on December 2, 2025 at 5.00 pm in the Auditorium of the Division of Agricultural Engineering, IARI, Pusa Campus, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Dr. R.S.Paroda, President of the Association.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Paroda welcomed all the members who had joined physically and online. On behalf of IAA, he expressed his thanks to Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Former Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, Dr. Ashok K. Singh, Former Director, IARI & Chief Patron, IAA, Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, IARI & Chief Patron, IAA and Dr. Anupama Singh, Dean and Joint Director (Education) & Patron for the support they have/are providing to the IARI Alumni Association in multiple ways including supporting the various activities of the Association.

The President subsequently sought the approval of the house to take up agenda one by one for discussion.

Agenda Item 1: Confirmation of the Proceedings of GB Meeting held on June 22, 2024:

The proceedings of last General Body (GB) meeting held on June 22, 2024 were circulated to all members on July 5, 2024 for their consideration and comments. No comments had been received by any member till date and none were offered during the current meeting.

The House approved the proceedings of the General Body Meeting held on June 22, 2024 as circulated.

Agenda Item 2: Report by the Secretary

Dr. A.K. Singh, Secretary, presented the detailed report for the period June 23, 2024 to Dec. 01, 2025. The changes in the Bye Laws of the Association, based on the discussions during the last GB meeting, were also circulated to all the members for their information. The Secretary's report is attached as Annexure I.

The GB expressed satisfaction at the initiatives and activities conducted by the EC and placed on record its appreciation for impressive achievements of the Executive Committee.

The report presented by Dr. A.K. Singh (Annexure I) was duly approved by the General Body.

Agenda Item 3: Presentation of the Audited Accounts by the Treasurer

The details of the income and expenditure incurred by the Association during the financial year 2024-25, duly audited by CA, were presented by Dr. Sridhar Gutam, Joint Secretary as Dr. R.R. Burman, Treasurer, had to attend some urgent official work in the Council. Dr. R.S.Paroda, President, briefly gave an account of the efforts made to increase the financial resources through donations and increase in membership of the Association. He indicated that the Association will now be able to conduct few activities and run the office mainly based on annual membership and interest from the corpus fund so generated. The accounts duly audited by the CA are attached as Annexure II.

The balance sheet and details given in Annexure II were reviewed by the GB members and were duly approved.

Agenda Item 4: Discussion on Proposed Activities

Based on the discussions in the EC meetings, the following activities are proposed to be taken up during 2025-26.

1. IARI Alumni Meet & Foundation Day Lecture and AGM: Dec 2, 2025.
2. Awareness Programme on Agriculture as profession for School students in February 2026.
3. IARI Lecture Series to be organised periodically – a lecture will be delivered by Dr.G.S. Khush, World Food Awardee, in March 2026.
4. *Assisting IARI in organising Job Fairs as placement support to IARI students.
5. *IAA-IARI Awards for Students (3), Teacher (1) and Researcher (1) on annual basis.
6. *Support for PGSSU and Guest Faculty for The Graduate School
7. *Partial/full support for participation of young scientists (IARI Alumni) for presentation of oral papers in the International Conferences
8. *Ensuring mentorship support to the promising entrepreneurs (Alumni)

***Activities nos. 4-8 will be on annual basis subject to availability of funds.**

With reference to Agenda Item 4, sub-item 2, it was suggested that the Association should go one step forward and push for agriculture as a subject in the school curriculum so that the students are encouraged to take agriculture as a career option.

Dr. Paroda, President, also informed the House regarding Agenda Item 4 sub-item 6 that a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs has been earmarked for supporting PGSSU's special requirements based on formal request to be submitted through the Dean/Director, IARI.

Dr. Paroda also informed that committees are working on developing guidelines/rules and regulations for the awards, setting up regional chapters, CSR funds utilization etc. He also informed one chapter in USA would start functioning from Jan. 1, 2026. One chapter in Odisha is already quite active.

For Information of the General Body:

1. One member from the Corporate Sector has been nominated to the Executive Council by the President as per the provisions of the Bye Laws of the Association. The nominated member is Dr. S. Baskar Reddy, Syngenta.

For approval of the General Body:

1. It was proposed that the Alumni Meet may be organized on 2nd December every year as was done this year. The main activity would be the Foundation Day Lecture and General Body Meeting.

In the approved Bye Laws of the Association, it was stated that the General Body meeting would be held during the Convocation Week of IARI. However, during the Convocation Week, many activities are planned in which all the faculty and students are directly involved. Hence, it becomes very difficult for the Association to conduct the GB meeting or plan any other activity.

December 2, 1992 was the day when the IARI Alumni Association was formally registered. Therefore, it was agreed that in future the Alumni Meet shall be organized on Foundation Day. It will be linked with a lecture and General Body Meeting as an integral part of the celebrations.

2. It is proposed that elections (online mode) will be held in October-November, 2026 and results declared before the next GB Meeting on Dec. 2, 2026. The new executive will take over for a three year period from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2029.

In the approved Bye Laws of the Association, election of the EC members and the process has been explicitly mentioned but the dates etc were left open ended. It was felt that this aspect also needs to be clearly stated in the Bye Laws of the Association. The above dates/schedules have been proposed for the next election. Since the EC is elected for a three year term, these months and dates would be valid every three years starting from end on 2026.

The GB duly approved the two proposals related to the Alumni Meet Day and the election process/schedules. Necessary changes in the Bye Laws of the Association may be reflected in the revised version accordingly.

4. Any other item:

A brief felicitation ceremony with the help of Dr. B.M. Prasanna, EC Member, was organised for those IARI Alumni who had distinguished themselves in their chosen field, and those who were more than eighty years old, as well as those who had donated to the IAA Corpus Fund in the Gold Category.

Dr. Sridhar Gutam, Joint Secretary gave a brief overview of the IAA website and information about other social media handles related to IAA. There are always

issues when bulk emails are sent. All members were requested to visit IAA website for the latest updates related to its activities. All lectures and information of other activities are available on the website.

An appeal was also made to all IARI Alumni to donate generously and the mode of doing so was also explained. The QR code and other bank details are also available on the website. The list of all the donors was also displayed. It was also expressed that the IAA Directory needs to be updated as many of the alumni were not in the current directory. There is an option on the IAA website directory through which Alumni can register/update their information personally.

The GB meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair, EC Members, all IARI Alumni who had participated physically/virtually by Dr. Sridhar Gutam, Joint Secretary.

Anil K. Singh
Secretary