

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to host annual conference of Vice-Chancellors and Directors of ICAR Institutes

Theme of Conference: “Convergence for Action: Shaping Agricultural Research, Education and Extension for Viksit Bharat@2047”

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The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is set to host the Annual Conference of Vice-Chancellors of Agricultural Universities and Directors of ICAR Institutes on 20th May 2025 at Bharat Ratna C. Subramaniam Auditorium, NASC Complex, PUSA Campus, New Delhi. Theme of the Conference is “Convergence for Action: Shaping Agricultural Research, Education and Extension for Viksit Bharat@2047”. The event will bring together key policymakers, thought leaders, and academic experts to deliberate on strategic reforms needed to strengthen India’s agricultural innovation ecosystem.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, will inaugurate the conference and also chair a high-level panel on reimagining the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) for India’s long-term development. Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh and Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare Shri Bhagirath Choudhary will also address the conference.

The conference will include three core sessions:

- Panel Discussion I: Reimagining NARS for Viksit Bharat@2047
- Panel Discussion II: Reorienting Agricultural Education
- Expert Session: Strategic directions for integrating research, education, and extension

Distinguished experts, including members from NITI Aayog, former DGs of ICAR, vice-chancellors, and deputy directors general of various scientific disciplines, will offer insights on aligning India’s agricultural capabilities with the vision of a developed India by 2047. The day will conclude with the presentation of key recommendations and a valedictory session chaired by the Union Agriculture Minister.

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