



ICAR Constitutes Special Task Force to Strategize Agricultural Resilience Amid Global Geopolitical Shifts

First Meeting Chaired by DARE Secretary & ICAR DG Outlines Comprehensive Framework for National Food and Input Security

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The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established a high-level Special Task Force (STF) to proactively address emerging global challenges and formulate mitigating strategies for the agricultural sector. During the first meeting chaired by the Secretary DARE & Director General, ICAR, following comprehensive framework was outlined to ensure national food and input security:

Intensification of 'Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav' (MGMG): Action has been initiated to broaden the scope of the MGMG campaign to enhance farmer outreach. The initiative will prioritize 100 aspirational Districts, utilizing existing organizational structures to provide a complete package of practices and build field-level confidence.

Optimizing Soil Health and Fertilizer Use: A dedicated campaign is being launched to promote the balanced use of fertilizers and bio-inputs. This includes a district-wise assessment to rationalize fertilizer consumption in major crops like wheat and rice, ensuring maximum resource efficiency.

Diversification and Domain Mapping: Detailed mapping of millet-growing regions is being undertaken to optimize land-use efficiency. This strategy includes promoting high-value alternatives in low-productivity rice areas, such as the integration of eco-fisheries, to enhance farmer income during the Kharif season.

Technological and Mechanical Interventions: Emphasis is being placed on mechanical solutions, including Direct Seeding of Rice (DSR), supported by a strengthened AICRP on Meteorology for real-time farmer advisories.

Governance and Monitoring: To ensure swift execution, Nodal Officers have been designated within each Subject Matter Division (SMD) to monitor weekly progress and coordinate a consolidated Actionable Plan across key areas.

The Special Task Force will convene as situational exigencies demand, leveraging institutional feedback mechanisms and internal expertise to provide data-driven inputs to the Government.

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