

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)



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The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is an autonomous organisation under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. Formerly known as Imperial Council of Agricultural Research, it was established on 16 July 1929 as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 in pursuance of the report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture. The ICAR has its headquarters at New Delhi.

The Council is the apex body for co-ordinating, guiding and managing research and education in agriculture including horticulture, fisheries and animal sciences in the entire country. With 99 ICAR institutes and 53 agricultural universities spread across the country this is one of the largest national agricultural systems in the world.

The ICAR has played a pioneering role in ushering Green Revolution and subsequent developments in agriculture in India through its research and technology development that has enabled the country to increase the production of foodgrains by 4 times, horticultural crops by 6 times, fish by 9 times (marine 5 times and inland 17 times), milk 6 times and eggs 27 times since 1950-51, thus making a visible impact on the national food and nutritional security. It has played a major role in promoting excellence in higher education in agriculture. It is engaged in cutting edge areas of science and technology development and its scientists are internationally acknowledged in their fields.

Milestones of ICAR

- Initiation of the first All-India Co-ordinated Research Project on Maize in 1957.
- Status of Deemed University accorded to IARI in 1958.
- Establishment of the first State Agricultural University on land grant pattern at Pantnagar in 1960.
- Placement of different agricultural research institutes under the purview of ICAR in 1966.
- Creation of Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) in the Ministry of Agriculture in 1973.
- Opening of first Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) at Puducherry (Pondicherry) in 1974.
- Establishment of Agricultural Research Service and Agricultural Scientists' Recruitment Board in 1975.
- Launching of Lab-to-Land Programme and the National Agricultural Research Project (NARP) in 1979.
- Initiation of Institution-Village Linkage Programme (IVLP) in 1995.
- Establishment of National Gene Bank at New Delhi in 1996.
- The ICAR was bestowed with the King Baudouin Award in 1989 for its valuable contribution in ushering in the Green Revolution. Again awarded King Baudouin Award in 2004 for research and development efforts made under partnership in Rice Wheat Consortium.
- Launching of National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP) in 1998 and National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) in 2005.

ICAR Mandate

- To plan, undertake, aid, promote and co-ordinate education, research and its application in agriculture, agroforestry, animal husbandry, fisheries, home science and allied sciences.
- To act as a clearing house of research and general information relating to agriculture, animal husbandry, home science and allied sciences, and fisheries through its publications and information system; and instituting and promoting transfer of technology programmes.
- To provide, undertake and promote consultancy services in the fields of education, research, training and dissemination of information in agriculture, agroforestry, animal husbandry, fisheries, home science and allied sciences.
- To look into the problems relating to broader areas of rural development concerning agriculture, including postharvest technology by developing co-operative programmes with other organizations such as the Indian Council of Social Science Research, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre and the universities.
- To do other things considered necessary to attain the objectives of the Society.

ICAR Institutions, Deemed Universities, National Research Centres & National Bureaux.

Deemed Universities - 4

1. Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
2. National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal
3. Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Izatnagar
4. Central Institute on Fisheries Education, Mumbai

National Research Centres - 17

1. National Centre for Agril. Economics & Policy Research, New Delhi
2. National Centre for Integrated Pest Management, New Delhi
3. National Research Centre for Agroforestry, Jhansi
4. National Research Centre for Banana, Trichi
5. National Research Centre for Citrus, Nagpur
6. National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune
7. National Research Centre for Litchi, Muzaffarpur
8. National Research Centre for Pomegranate, Solapur
9. National Research Centre on Camel, Bikaner
10. National Research Centre on Equines, Hisar
11. National Research Centre on Meat, Hyderabad
12. National Research Centre on Mithun, Medziphema, Nagaland
13. National Research Centre on Orchids, Pakyong, Sikkim
14. National Research Centre on Pig, Guwahati
15. National Research Centre on Plant Biotechnology, New Delhi
16. National Research Centre on Seed Spices, Ajmer
17. National Research Centre on Yak, West Kameng

National Bureaux - 6

1. National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources, New Delhi
2. National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Micro-organisms, Mau, Uttar Pradesh
3. National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Insects, Bengaluru
4. National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur
5. National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources, Karnal
6. National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow

Institutions - 47

1. Central Agricultural Research Institute, Port Blair
2. Central Arid Zone Research Institute, Jodhpur
3. Central Avian Research Institute, Izatnagar
4. Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute, Barrackpore
5. Central Institute Brackishwater Aquaculture, Chennai
6. Central Institute for Research on Buffaloes, Hissar
7. Central Institute for Research on Goats, Makhdoom
8. Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal
9. Central Institute of Arid Horticulture, Bikaner
10. Central Institute of Cotton Research, Nagpur
11. Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin
12. Central Institute of Freshwater Aquaculture, Bhubneshwar
13. Central Institute of Research on Cotton Technology, Mumbai
14. Central Institute of Sub Tropical Horticulture, Lucknow
15. Central Institute of Temperate Horticulture, Srinagar
16. Central Institute on Post harvest Engineering and Technology, Ludhiana
17. Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Kochi
18. Central Plantation Crops Research Institute, Kasargod
19. Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla
20. Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres, Barrackpore
21. Central Research Institute of Dryland Agriculture, Hyderabad
22. Central Rice Research Institute, Cuttack
23. Central Sheep and Wool Research Institute, Avikanagar, Rajasthan
24. Central Soil and Water Conservation Research & Training Institute, Dehradun
25. Central Soil Salinity Research Institute, Karnal
26. Central Tobacco Research Institute, Rajahmundry
27. Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Trivandrum
28. ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, Patna
29. ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Barapani
30. ICAR Research Complex for Goa, Ela, Old Goa, Goa
31. Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute, New Delhi
32. Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi
33. Indian Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology, Ranchi
34. Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bengaluru
35. Indian Institute of Natural Resins and Gums, Ranchi
36. Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur
37. Indian Institute of Soil Sciences, Bhopal
38. Indian Institute of Spices Research, Calicut
39. Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow
40. Indian Institute of Vegetable Research, Varanasi

41. National Academy of Agricultural Research & Management, Hyderabad
42. National Biotic Stress Management Institute, Raipur
43. National Institute of Abiotic Stress Management, Malegaon, Maharashtra
44. National Institute of Animal Nutrition and Physiology, Bengaluru
45. National Institute of Research on Jute & Allied Fibre Technology, Kolkata
46. Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore
47. Vivekananda Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan, Almor
8. Directorate of Soybean Research, Indore
9. Directorate of Rapeseed & Mustard Research, Bharatpur
10. Directorate of Mushroom Research, Solan
11. Directorate on Onion and Garlic Research, Pune
12. Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur
13. Directorate of Oil Palm Research, Pedavegi, West Godawari
14. Directorate of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants Research, Anand
15. Directorate of Floricultural Research, Pusa, New Delhi
16. Project Directorate for Farming Systems Research, Modipuram
17. Directorate of Water Management Research, Bhubaneswar
18. Directorate of Weed Science Research, Jabalpur
19. Project Directorate on Cattle, Meerut
20. Project Directorate on Foot & Mouth Disease, Mukteshwar
21. Directorate of Poultry Research, Hyderabad
22. Project Directorate on Animal Disease Monitoring and Surveillance, Hebbal, Bengaluru

Directorates/Project Directorates - 25

1. Directorate of Maize Research, New Delhi.
2. Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad
3. Directorate of Wheat Research, Karnal
4. Directorate of Oilseed Research, Hyderabad
5. Directorate of Seed Research, Mau
6. Directorate of Sorghum Research, Hyderabad
7. Directorate of Groundnut Research, Junagarh
23. Directorate of Knowledge Management in Agriculture (DKMA), New Delhi
24. Directorate of Cold Water Fisheries Research, Bhimtal, Nainital
25. Directorate of Research on Women in Agriculture, Bhubaneswar



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