

Proceedings of the meeting of Executive Council of The Indian Society of Agronomy held on 19 May, 2025 at 6:00 PM through hybrid mode

A meeting of the office bearers of The Indian Society of Agronomy was held on **19 May, 2025 at 6:00 PM** in hybrid mode through google meet link: meet.google.com/jey-chsx-fwk

The following office bearers and the members attended the meeting:

EC members of ISA

1. Dr Shanti Kumar Sharma, President, ISA and ADG (HRM), ICAR-KAB II, Pusa, New Delhi
2. Dr Anup Das, Vice-President (East), ISA and Director, ICAR, RC for Eastern Region, Patna, Bihar
3. Dr Yashbir Singh Shivay, Vice-President, ISA and Professor, Division of Agronomy ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
4. Dr B. Gangaiah, Vice President (South), ISA and Principal Scientist (Agronomy) ICAR-IIMR, Rajendra Nagar, Telangana State
5. Dr D.N. Gokhale, Vice-President, ISA and Director of Extension Education VNMKV, Parbani, M.S.
6. Dr Sanjay Singh Rathore, Secretary, ISA and Head, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
7. Dr V.K. Singh, Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Director, CRIDA, Hyderabad, Telangana
8. Dr J.S. Mishra, Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Director, ICAR-Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur, M.P.
9. Dr P.S. Brahmanand, Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Project Director, Water Technology Centre, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
10. Dr Simerjeet Kaur, Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Principal Agronomist, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab
11. Dr Shankar Lal Jat, Joint Secretary, ISA and Senior Scientist, ICAR-IIMR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
12. Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA and Senior Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
13. Dr B. Sahadeva Reddy, Councillor-Andhra Pradesh, ISA and Principal Scientist, (Agronomy), ARS, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh
14. Dr Kalyan Pathak, Councillor-Assam, ISA and Principal Scientist, AICRP on Irrigation Water Management, Directorate of Research (Agri), Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat, Assam
15. Dr S.L. Meena, Councillor-Delhi, ISA and Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
16. Dr P.D. Vekariya, Councillor-Gujarat, ISA and Associate Research Scientist (Agronomy) Main Dry Farming Research Station, JAU, Targhadia (Rajkot), Gujarat
17. Dr M.R. Umesh, Councillor-Karnataka, ISA and Assistant Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences Raichur, Karnataka
18. Dr Anand Kumar Vishwakarma, Councillor-MP, ISA and Project Coordinator (Sesame & Niger), ICAR-JNKV, Jabalpur, M.P.
19. Dr Hari Ram, Councillor-Punjab, ISA and Head, Department of Agronomy, PAU, Ludhiana, Punjab

20. Dr Narkhede Wasudeo Nivrutti, Head, Councillor-Maharashtra, ISA and Department of Agronomy, VNMKV, Parbhani, Maharashtra
21. Dr Neetu Sharma, Councillor-Jammu & Kashmir, ISA and Associate Professor, Division of Agronomy, FoA Main Campus SKUAST-Jammu, J&K
22. Dr M. Malla Reddy, Councillor-Telangana, ISA and Associate Director of Research Regional Agricultural Research Station, Palem PJTSAU, Nagarkurnool, Telangana State
23. Dr Swapan Kumar Maity, Councillor-West Bengal, ISA and Associate Professor, Department of Agronomy, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati, Sriniketan, Birbhum, West Bengal
24. Dr Sandeep Manuja, Councillor-HP, ISA and Principal Scientist (Agronomy) COA-CSKHOKV, Palampur, H.P.
25. Dr Dashrath Prasad, Councillor-Rajasthan, ISA and Senior Scientist & Head, Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Pokaran Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
26. Dr Amit Kumar, Councillor-NEH States, ISA and Scientist, ICAR, Research Complex for NEH Region, Sikkim Centre, Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim
27. Dr Neeraj Kumar Awasthi, Country Manager-Anglo American
28. Dr R.K. Tewatia, Councillor-Industries, ISA and Executive Director, IMMA, Nehru Place, New Delhi
29. Dr Soumitra Das, Council-Industry, ISA and Director South Asia, ZNI, Indian Zinc Association, New Delhi
30. Dr Kapila Shekhawat, Principal Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

At the outset, Dr Sanjay Singh Rathore, Secretary, ISA extended a warm welcome to the President, ISA and other office bearers of the Executive Council of the Indian Society of Agronomy.

1. **Confirmation of proceedings of the last EC meeting held on 16 April 2025:** The proceeding of the last EC meeting has been approved and the same has been uploaded on the ISA website. Dr R.K. Tewatia, Executive Director, IMMA, New Delhi suggested that based on the proceedings of the previous EC meeting, the execution and implementation of resource mobilization from industry sector should be explored. The President, ISA agreed to finalize the work plan for the given suggestion in consultation with the Finance Committee.
2. **Progress of Sixth International Agronomy Congress 2025 and submission of Abstract:** Very few abstract/extended summaries have been received so far, hence a concern was felt by EC members and it was decided that more efforts should be made by EC members to sensitize and mobilized. The scientists/teachers in ICAR/SAUs including students to encourage more registration and an abstract submission. Information on 6th IAC should be sent regularly through emails to all members, universities (HVCs) Deans/Directors etc. and Whatsapp group. The Vice-Chancellor, Deans and Directors should be repeatedly approached to encourage more and more participation. The registration should be reassessed by 10 June 2025 and regular reminders may be sent after every 15 days. The highlights

and features of Sixth International Agronomy Congress may be sent to all stake holders with personal appeals. It was also suggested that since Dr M.L. Jat, Secretary DARE and DG ICAR and Dr S.K. Choudhari, D.G. FAI are from NRM fraternity, they should be approached for extending support in this regard.

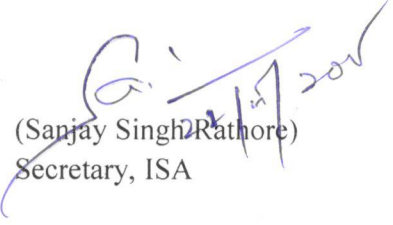
3. **Second circular of Sixth IAC 2025:** The Second Circular of Sixth International Agronomy Congress has been prepared and the suggestions from Dr M.L. Jat, Secretary DARE and DG ICAR have also been sought. The circular will be circulated soon.
4. **Publication of 6th International Agronomy Congress:** Modern Concept of Agronomy is an important ISA publication which has high demand among the members and the published copies are almost out of stock and needs to be re-printed. It was also suggested a revised copy may be released during the Congress including the new topics and recent advances. It was also suggested that a new book may also be published which is important from competition point of view. The authors for both may be identified and the interested members can contribute voluntarily as well.
 - i. The topics and outlines of the chapters can be sent to Secretariat office. The Special issues of Indian Journal of Agronomy, Indian Journal of Fertilizers, Indian Farming and *Kheti* are to be brought out during the Congress, hence, the separate publication committee for each of them may be identified. The committee may choose the topics, identify the authors and communication to all concern may be sent. This should be a time-bound activity with clear objective and word limit mentioned in advance. It should be reviewed regularly. The topic should be chosen as per the themes of IAC.
 - ii. Dr. B. Gangaiah Principal Scientist (Agronomy) and Principal Investigator, submitted that a publication of nearly 100 pages is ready on “GAP’s for higher millet production”. The President, ISA suggested to share the contents and broad outlines of publication to be considered for released during the Sixth International Agronomy Congress.
 - iii. Dr. Neeraj Awasthi, Country Manager India, Anglo American Plant Nutrients, suggested that all the important publications should add one chapter highlighting the contribution and available products with industry sector which will attract people from private sector also. These industry-based module topics will introduce new products approved from FCO to the Scientists, Researchers, Farmers and other Stakeholders.

iv. Dr. Soumitra Das, Director, South Asia, Zinc Nutrient Initiative, International Zinc Association agreed to provide the list of industries and corporates to the Secretary Office. A request letter from the office should be sent to all industries for their active participation which will also support the event through sponsorship, advertisement and exhibition.

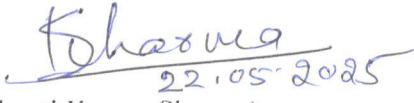
5. **Any other item with the permission of the Chair:**

- i. Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI is showing keen interest in the preparation of Sixth International Agronomy Congress and he suggested Secretary, ISA that regular meeting, preferably every fortnight to review the progress of the Congress.
- ii. The President, ISA proposed the next EC meeting on 6 June 2025 and the second circular of 6th IAC and publication committee for various special issues should be finalized before that. The concerned members should be communicated and their acknowledgement should be sought.

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair


(Sanjay Singh Rathore)
Secretary, ISA

Submitted for approval of President, ISA please


(Shanti Kumar Sharma)
President, ISA

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