

Proceedings of the meeting of Executive Council of The Indian Society of Agronomy held on 2 September, 2025 at 4:00 PM

A meeting of the office bearers of The Indian Society of Agronomy was held on **2 September, 2025 at 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM** through:

The meeting link was as follows:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86869871313?pwd=3KKKpIOjXvbDrwe7L60vaun0YxYvaJ.>

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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. B. Gangaiah, Vice President (South), ISA and Principal Scientist (Agronomy) ICAR-IIMR, Rajendra Nagar, Telangana State
4. Dr. Yashbir Singh Shivay, Vice President (North) and Professor, Division of Agronomy ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
5. Dr Sanjay Singh Rathore, Secretary, ISA and Head, Division of Agronomy, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
6. Dr. M. Malla Reddy, Councillor-Telangana, ISA and Associate Director of Research Regional Agricultural Research Station, Palem PJTSAU, Nagarkurnool, Telangana State
7. Dr. S.L. Meena, Councillor-Delhi, ISA and Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
8. 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
9. Dr Shankar Lal Jat, Joint Secretary, ISA and Senior Scientist, ICAR-IIMR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
10. Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA and Senior Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
11. Dr B. Sahadeva Reddy, Councillor-Andhra Pradesh, ISA and Principal Scientist, (Agronomy), ARS, Ananthapuramu, Andhra Pradesh
12. Dr P.D. Vekariya, Councillor-Gujarat, ISA and Associate Research Scientist (Agronomy) Main Dry Farming Research Station, Junagadh Agricultural University, Targhadia (Rajkot), Gujarat 360 023
13. Dr M.R. Umesh, Councillor-Karnataka, ISA and Assistant Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences Raichur, Karnataka
14. Dr Anand Kumar Vishwakarma, Councillor-MP, ISA and Project Coordinator (Sesame & Niger), ICAR-Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur, M.P.
15. Dr Dasharath Prasad, Councillor-Rajasthan, ISA and Head, KVK, Pokaran, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
16. Dr. R.D. Jat, Assistant Scientist (Agronomy), Collage of Agriculture, CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, Haryana
17. Dr Rajiv, Councillor-UP, ISA and Asstt. Professor, Department of Vegetable Science, CSAUA&T, Kanpur, U.P.

18. Dr. G. Suja, Principal Scientist, Councillor-Kerala, ISA and Head, Division of Crop Production, Central Tuber Crops Research Institute, Sreekariyam, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
19. Dr. Kabita Debnath Das, Councillor-Industry, ISA and Chief (Agricultural Sciences), FAI, New Delhi

Special invitees:

20. Dr J.S. Mishra, Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Director, ICAR-Directorate of Weed Research, Jabalpur, M.P.

21. 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 Dr. Shanti Kumar Sharma, President, ISA & ADG (HRM) ICAR and other office bearers of the Executive Council of the Indian Society of Agronomy and requested to President, ISA for opening remarks.

The President welcomed all the members to the meeting and expressed his gratitude for their continued support and active participation in the progress of the Society. He highlighted the key initiatives undertaken since the last meeting and emphasized the importance of collective efforts for the successful organization of the Sixth International Agronomy Congress (IAC) 2025.

The following agenda items were discussed in the EC:

1. **Confirmation of the proceedings of the last Executive Committee meeting held on 20 August 2025:** The Secretary of ISA presented the proceedings of the last EC meeting for review and invited comments from the EC members. The proceedings were unanimously approved and have been uploaded on the ISA website.
2. **Review of progress of the Sixth International Agronomy Congress (IAC) 2025:** The Secretary apprised the EC members in details about the preparations for the Sixth International Agronomy Congress. He informed the members that all committees, including Technical, Finance, Publication, Registration, and Hospitality Committees, are actively engaged in their respective responsibilities to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the Congress. The Secretary appreciated the support of all the members and urged them to continue their efforts to attract more sponsors, encourage timely submission of papers, and

promote the event widely among the scientific fraternity. The Committee took note of the progress with satisfaction and assured full cooperation for the successful organization of the Congress.

3. Discussion with the Finance Committee regarding fundraising for the smooth conduct of the Sixth IAC:

The Secretary briefed the Committee about the status of official approvals, informing that necessary documents have been submitted to ICAR and FCRA, and approvals are expected shortly. He further apprised the Executive Committee (EC) that some companies have agreed to sponsor the Sixth International Agronomy Congress (IAC) 2025, and the National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM) has confirmed its participation in the exhibition. Initial sponsorship commitments have been received from a few organizations, and follow-up efforts are in progress to secure additional support to meet the financial requirements of the Congress. The President urged all EC members to actively contribute towards mobilizing funds and to extend their networks for securing further sponsorships. The Secretary also informed the members that he had met the Director General of Fertiliser Association of India (FAI), who assured all kinds support for the Congress.

Dr. Anup Das, Director RCER and Vice President, ISA (East Zone) committed to arranging an exhibition stall during the 6th IAC and suggested that the President, ISA may approach Assam Agricultural University for financial and participatory support. Dr. S. Reddy informed the Committee that he has been in contact with Rasi Seeds, who have shown willingness to sponsor the Congress.

The President, advised intensifying personal communications with potential sponsors to finalize the pending commitments at the earliest. The Committee also suggested exploring partnerships with leading agri-business and allied industries for larger sponsorship.

4. **Extension of deadline for submission of extended summaries:** The Secretary, ISA apprised the house that the last date for submission of extended summaries has been over and all the EC members has agreed to extend the last date up to 15 September 2025. The Committee deliberated on the status of abstract submissions and decided to extend the deadline to facilitate greater participation from researchers, scientists, and academicians. The new deadline will be widely

circulated through all communication channels including the website, emails, WhatsApp groups, and professional networks.

5. **Progress of Technical Programme:** The Secretary, ISA apprised the Executive Committee members that the Technical Programme for the Sixth International Agronomy Congress (IAC) 2025 will soon be released.

He said that the finalized programme should be widely circulated among all stakeholders to ensure greater participation and effective dissemination of information.

6. **Discussion on publications related to the Sixth International Agronomy Congress:** The Committee reviewed the status of the 9 planned publications, including the *Souvenir*, *Abstract Book*, and special issues of the *Indian Journal of Agronomy (IJA)*, *Indian Journal of Fertilizers (IJF)*, *Indian Farming*, and *Kheti*. As of now, 11 articles have been received for IJA, 5 out of 13 for IJF, 4 out of 20 for the *Souvenir*, 10 for *Kheti*, and 14 articles for *Indian Farming*. The Secretary appreciated the efforts of the respective sub-committees in compiling the articles and emphasized the need to finalize contributions for *Indian Farming* and *Kheti* by 15th September, as requested by the Project Director, DKMA to ensure their timely publication. Dr. Kavita Deb Nath Das, Chief (Agricultural Sciences), The FAI, New Delhi briefed the Committee about the progress of IJF. Dr. S.L. Jat, Joint Secretary, ISA has been asked to send reminders to contributors who are yet to submit their articles. Dr. Y.S. Shivay, Vice-President, ISA (North Zone) suggested that detailed guidelines should be circulated along with the invitation letters for lead lectures to ensure uniformity in submissions. The Secretary further informed that more than 650 extended summaries have been received so far, from SAUs, KVKs, AICRPs, and ICAR Institutes. He urged all members to approach NRM scientists to expedite their submissions, and encourage their participation. He added that the received summaries are being classified into sub-themes for ease of processing and better scientific organization.

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

The Executive committee unanimously approved the extension of last date for International Agronomy Olympiad up to 30 September 2025.

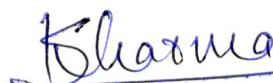
The Secretary informed that the message forwards for various publications related to the 6th IAC are ready. The President confirmed that he has reviewed them and will forward the same to the ISA office for further submission. On transport arrangements, the Secretary briefed that the request has been sent to Director, ICAR-IARI, and all sisters institutes that for vehicles pooling and additional vehicles will be hired to meet the requirements during the Congress. Regarding accommodation, the Secretary stated that guest houses have been booked at the NASC Complex, IARI, IASRI, and NBPGR. In addition, hotels in the range of ₹1000 to ₹5000 per night have also been contacted to cater to participants' needs. Dr. Umesh informed the Committee that he had discussions with Delta-T Company, who have agreed to participate in the exhibition. He further mentioned that around five drone companies have also shown interest in setting up stalls at the exhibition. The Secretary requested Dr. Umesh to share the list of these companies with the ISA office for necessary follow-up. Dr. B. Gangaiah, Vice-President, ISA (South Zone) informed that a South Zone meeting has been scheduled for next week to review the progress made in the zone.

The President thanked all members for their active participation and valuable suggestions. He emphasized the importance of collective efforts to ensure the success of the Sixth IAC and make it a landmark event.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair

Submitted for approval of President, ISA please

(Sanjay Singh Rathore)
Secretary, ISA



(Shanti Kumar Sharma)
President, ISA

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