

**Proceedings of the joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming Executive Council of The Indian Society of Agronomy, held at the ISA Office, A Block, 2nd Floor, National Agricultural Science Complex (NASC), Dev Prakash Shastri Marg, Pusa Campus, New Delhi 110 012, on 18.5.2026 at 11:30 PM through hybrid mode.**

A meeting of the Office Bearers of The Indian Society of Agronomy was held on 18.5.2026 at 11:30 AM through google meet link: <https://meet.google.com/xya-wqoi-ktm> for handing over the charges by outgoing and taking over charges by newly-elected members of Executive Council of The Indian Society of Agronomy.

The following Office Bearers and the members attended the meeting:

**Outgoing EC members of ISA:**

1. Dr Shanti Kumar Sharma, President, ISA and ADG (HRM), ICAR-KAB II, Pusa, New Delhi
2. Dr Yashbir Singh Shivay, ADG, Division of Agronomy ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
3. Dr. Anup Das, Director, ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region, ICAR, Patna, Bihar
4. Dr Sanjay Singh Rathore, Secretary, ISA and Head (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
5. Dr V.K. Singh, Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Director, CRIDA, Hyderabad, Telangana
6. Dr P.S. Brahmanand, Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Project Director, Water Technology Centre, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
7. Dr Simerjeet Kaur, Co-Editor-in-Chief of IJA and Principal Agronomist, Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, Punjab
8. Dr Shankar Lal Jat, Joint Secretary, ISA and Senior Scientist, ICAR-IIMR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
9. Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA and Senior Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
10. Dr. Samrath Lal Meena, Councillor Delhi and Principal Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
11. Dr Kalyan Pathak, Principal Scientist, AICRP on Irrigation Water Management, Directorate of Research (Agri), Assam Agriculture University, Jorhat, Assam
12. Dr Anil Kumar Singh, Director of Research, Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, Bhagalpur, Bihar
13. Dr M. Malla Reddy, Associate Director of Research, Regional Agricultural Research Station, Palem PJTSAU, Nagarkurnool district, Telangana State
14. Dr M.R. Umesh, Councillor-Karnataka, ISA and Assistant Professor, University of Agricultural Sciences Raichur, Karnataka
15. Dr P.D. Vekariya, Councillor-Gujarat, ISA and Associate Research Scientist (Agronomy) Main Dry Farming Research Station, Junagadh Agricultural University, Targhadia (Rajkot), Gujarat
16. Dr Anand Kumar Vishwakarma, Councillor-MP, ISA and Project Coordinator (Sesame & Niger), ICAR-Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur, M.P.



**Incoming EC members of ISA:**

1. Dr. M.L. Jat, President, ISA and Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR), New Delhi
2. Dr Anil Kumar Singh, Vice-President, ISA (East Zone) and Director of Research, Bihar, Agricultural University, Sabour, Bhagalpur, Bihar
3. Dr Narendra Kumar, Vice-President, ISA (Central Zone) and Principal Scientist (Agronomy) and Head Crop Production Division, ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
4. Dr M. Malla Reddy, Vice-President, ISA (South Zone) and Professor (AL-15) (Agronomy) & Controller of Examinations, PJTAU, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500 030 Telangana
5. Dr Ashok N. Chaudhary, Vice-President, ISA (West Zone) and Associate Research Scientist (Agronomy) Pulses Research Station, S.D. Agricultural, University, Sardarkrushinagar, Gujarat
6. Dr Navin Kumar Jain, Vice-President, ISA (North Zone) and Member (Agri), CWMA, Department of WR, RD & GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi
7. Dr. Shankar Lal Jat, Secretary, ISA and Senior Scientist, ICAR-IIMR, Pusa Campus, New Delhi
8. Dr. Samrath Lal Meena, Treasurer, ISA and Principal Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
9. Dr Ramanjit Kaur, Councillor-Delhi, ISA and Principal Scientist, Division of Agronomy, IARI, New Delhi-110 012
10. Dr. A.P. Patel, Councillor-Gujarat, ISA and Principal College of Agriculture Navsari Agricultural, University Waghai (The Dangs)-, 394730 Gujarat
11. Dr Meenakshi Gupta, Councillor-Jammu & Kashmir, ISA and Professor (Agronomy), SKUAST-Jammu, Main Campus, Chatha, Jammu & Kashmir
12. Dr. M.R. Umesh, Councillor-Karnataka, ISA and Associate Professor of Agronomy, University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur, Karnataka
13. Dr Amit Kumar Jha, Councillor-Madhya Pradesh, ISA and Assistant Professor, Deptt. Of Agronomy, College of Agricultural, JNKVV, Jabalpur 482 004, M.P.
14. Dr M.L. Mehriya, Councillor-Rajasthan, ISA and Associate Professor (Agronomy) and Zonal Director Research Agriculture University, Jodhpur Mandor, Jodhpur, Rajasthan
15. Dr K.B. Suneetha Devi, Councillor-Telangana State, ISA and Senior Professor (CAS) & Head, Dept. of Agronomy, Agricultural College, PJTSAU, Jagtial, Telangana State
16. Dr Dinesh Sah, Councillor-Uttar Pradesh, ISA and Associate Professor, Department of Agronomy, College of Agriculture, Banda University of Agriculture & Technology, Banda, Uttar Pradesh
17. Dr Shyamali Das, Councillor-West Bengal, ISA and Assistant Professor in Agronomy, Department of Agronomy, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya, P.O. Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Mohanpur, Nadia, West Bengal
18. Dr. Aanandi Lal Jat, Councillor-NEH, ISA and Senior Scientist (Agronomy) ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region, Mizoram Centre, Kolasib, Mizoram

At the outset Dr Sanjay Singh Rathore, Outgoing Secretary, ISA extended a warm welcome to the Newly elected President, ISA and other Office Bearers of the New Executive Council, 2026 and 2027 of The Indian Society of Agronomy and also thanked all members associated with ISA during the tenure.



The agenda of the EC meeting was to hand over the charge by the outgoing EC to the new EC.

Dr Shanti Kumar Sharma, President, ISA congratulated the newly-elected Executive Council members and thanked the EC for their overwhelming response and support throughout the tenure. He also conveyed his best wishes to the new EC to carry forward the activities of the Society and to function efficiently. He also extended his help if ever needed by the Society.

Dr Sanjay Singh Rathore, Secretary, ISA (Outgoing) congratulated newly-elected EC and highlighted the accomplishments of the previous EC like making the publication of the online Journals. However, he raises the concern that the quality papers are not being contributed by our eminent Scientists to the Indian Journal of Agronomy.

Dr Shankar Lal Jat, newly elected Secretary, ISA also congratulated the new EC, acknowledged the contribution of the previous EC and appealed all to work collectively to extend active cooperation for taking the subject and the society to the newer heights.


Dr M.L. Jat, Secretary (DARE) and DG (ICAR), newly-elected President, ISA congratulated all the members of new EC and extended thanks for the contributions made by the previous EC. Addressing the EC members, he said: "My dear Agronomy community, first of all, let me sincerely thank all of you for the faith and confidence you have shown in me. I have still not formally taken over the charge, and before doing so, I would like to place one condition. Only if all of you feel that each one of you is equally responsible as the President, then only I will truly assume this charge." He further remarked that "I strongly believe in collective leadership. No single person can accomplish everything alone. The strength of the Society lies in teamwork, cooperation, and collective commitment."

He urged all the esteemed member of the society to contribute freely with their feedback and suggestions for the smooth functioning of the Society. He stressed that the Society should always function through mutual understanding, participation, and collective wisdom with ownership and responsibility. He mentioned that he has been associated with the Society for more than 30 years and has witnessed its growth and evolution over time. Referring to the current Executive Council and the overall atmosphere within the Society, he appreciated the positive and inclusive environment created by the members.

Further, he stated that the recently conducted elections and the composition of the present Executive Council reflected the healthy ecosystem culture within the Society. He congratulated the outgoing and incoming Executive members for creating such a constructive and collaborative environment.

Dr. M.L. Jat, President, ISA emphasized the growing importance of Agronomy in national development and future agricultural growth. He said, "agronomy science forms the foundation of agricultural development and future growth. When we talk about a developed and self-reliant India and envision a multi-trillion-dollar economy, the primary sector agriculture, allied sectors, and natural resource management will have a major contribution to make. Agronomy has a crucial role in this transformation." He explained that Agronomy should not be viewed as an isolated discipline but as a broader, integrated science connected with farming systems, natural resource management, sustainability, and agricultural innovation.

Dr. M.L. Jat, President, ISA also highlighted the need to keep pace with emerging scientific developments and evolving agricultural challenges. He stressed that the Society should continuously adapt to new technologies, innovations, and interdisciplinary approaches to strengthen the relevance and impact of Agronomy science.



He concluded by expressing confidence that, with collective leadership, cooperation, and scientific vision, the Society would continue to grow stronger and contribute significantly towards sustainable agricultural development and national progress.

1. **Handing/taking over charges outgoing and incoming EC:** The charge of Secretary was handed over to Dr. Shankar Lal Jat (Incoming Secretary) by Dr. Sanjay Singh Rathore (Outgoing Secretary, ISA) along with the list of inventories (Annexure I). Dr. Subhash Babu, Outgoing Treasurer, informed that 216 new life members and 210 annual members were added during January 2024 to December 2025. Dr Subhash Babu, Treasurer, ISA (Outgoing) handed over the charge of the treasurer to, Dr Samrath Lal Meena Newly elected Treasurer, ISA. The details of the fixed deposit, saving account, current account and cash in hand given to the Dr Samrath Lal Meena, Treasurer, ISA are as follows:

Particulars	Charge handed over on 14-3-2024	Charge handed over on 18.5.2026	Remarks
Fixed deposit amount	24148908.85	30792704.00	7-11-2025 Last maturity
FD's maturity amount	27409545.85	33386308.00	25-1-2027/3-10-2027
Saving account Canara bank	1082380.48	3453785.97	as on 31-3-2026
Current account Canara bank	96999.63	683525.63	as on 31-3-2026
Cash in hand	320.00	4,186.00	as on 31-3-2026

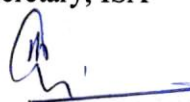
2. **Change of signatory in Bank account of ISA:** The Secretary, ISA (outgoing) appraised the Executive Council of ISA that the change of signatory in bank account of ISA will be done immediately to operate the bank account by Dr Shankar Lal Jat, Newly elected Secretary, ISA and Dr Samrath Lal Meena, Newly elected Treasurer, ISA.

3. **Any other item with the permission of the Chair**

The meeting ended with thanks to the Chair

  
(Shankar Lal Jat)  
Secretary, ISA

Submitted for approval of President, ISA please

  
(M.L. Jat)  
President, ISA

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