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National Advisory Board on Management of Genetic Resources (NABMGR) Charts Roadmap for Strengthening India's Agrobiodiversity

Recognizing genetic resources as vital national assets for food, nutrition, climate resilience, and sustainable agricultural development, ICAR reconstituted National Advisory Board on Management of Genetic Resources (NABMGR) under chairmanship of Dr R S Paroda, Chairman,



TAAS and Former Secretary, DARE and DG, ICAR. The NABMGR serves as an apex advisory body providing strategic, policy-level, and technical direction for the integrated management of India's agrobiodiversity. The Board functions under the Chairmanship of Padma Bhushan Dr R.S. Paroda (Former Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR) and Co-Chairmanship of Dr M.L. Jat (Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR).

Board's first meeting was held on July 29, 2026, at the ICAR–National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBPGR), New Delhi. The first meeting witnessed participation from key ministries and agencies, including MoEF&CC, DBT, NBA, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, BSI, NMPB, NSAI, Bioversity International, Directors of all six ICAR National Bureaux, DDGs of ICAR, and farmer representatives.

Dr R.S. Paroda emphasized the need for an integrated approach combining plant, animal, fish, microbial, and insect genetic resources to support climate-resilient agriculture and the national vision of *Viksit Bharat*. The Board reviewed the progress of the National Safety Genebank (NSG). Dr Paroda urged for timely completion of NSG so it can be dedicated to the nation during the

ICAR Centenary Celebrations (2028–29). Additionally, deliberations on streamlining Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) guidelines and delegating agrobiodiversity responsibilities from the



National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) to DARE/ICAR.


