

Diamond Jubilee (60th) Annual Rice Group Meeting at IIRR, Hyderabad

The Diamond Jubilee (60th) Annual Rice Group Meetings (ARGM) took place from 26-28 April 2025 at the ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (ICAR-IIRR), Hyderabad, in collaboration with ICAR-Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI) and other partners.

Dr RS Paroda, Padma Bhushan Awardee, Chairman, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), Former Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and



Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Government of India, was the Chief Guest of the inaugural function. Dr Mangi Lal Jat, Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Dr DK Yadava, DDG (Crop Science), ICAR and Dr AK Singh, Former Director, IARI, were also

present on this occasion. The objective of ARGM was to advance rice research through discussions on breeding, crop production, protection, and collaborative platforms, emphasizing sustainable rice cultivation and genetic improvement.



This significant event brought together rice researchers, scientists, policymakers, and industry stakeholders. The annual rice research review focused on improving rice production through diverse strategies. Breeder's, Crop Production, Entomology, and Pathology groups addressed varietal improvement, sustainable practices, and pest/disease management. Technical Sessions reviewed 2024-25 progress in areas like biofortification and agronomy. The 2025-26 technical program for breeding and crop protection was finalized. A special session highlighted platforms and collaborations, emphasizing conventional and genomic breeding and genome research to further advance rice production. discuss challenges, and formulate strategies for advancing rice research, with a focus on genetic enhancement, sustainability, and productivity



Dr Paroda's full address can be accessed through following link:

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