

Hon'ble DG, ICAR, Laid the Foundation Stones for the Research School Building and Auditorium at ICAR-IARI, Jharkhand

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The Hon'ble Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, Dr. M.L Jat visited IARI-Jharkhand during 8-9 September 2026, along with Dr. D. K. Yadav, DDG (CS). On 8 September, at 6.00 PM, hon'ble DG interacted with students and discussed academic and institutional priorities. On 9 September 2026, the Hon'ble Director General, ICAR, laid the foundation stones for the Research School Buildings, with an estimated cost of Rs. 21 crores, and the Auditorium, costing Rs. 24.7 crore, at ICAR-IARI, Jharkhand during Bhoomi Pooja Ceremony. The visit also highlighted farm development initiatives with an allocation of Rs. 13.5 crore, aimed at strengthening research infrastructure and advancing integrated agricultural development. Dr. D. K. Yadava, DDG (Crop Science), ICAR; Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI; CIC, ICAR-IARI, Jharkhand; along with the CPWD officials, institute staff and students, participated in the ceremony.

Hon'ble DG also interacted with farmers and institute staff, distributed agricultural inputs to farmers, visited research farm, released carp fingerlings into Bahadur Dam located within the research farm, and participated in a plantation drive on the campus. The emphasis was laid on developing ICAR-IARI, Jharkhand as a self-sustainable model farm and a centre of excellence for agricultural development in Eastern India. Key research priorities included acid soil management, improving tribal livelihood, agricultural diversification, landscape-based soil and water conservation, long-term soil fertility studies and trials on nano-based fertilisers. Sustainable resource planning was highlighted, with particular attention to rainwater harvesting, lift irrigation, drip irrigation and solar-powered irrigation systems. Other priorities included innovative farm machinery and mechanisation technologies tailored to the region's specific agricultural needs, innovative fodder production and processing technologies, and efficient recycling of crop and livestock residues. The Hon'ble DG stressed strengthening seed and planting material production, promoting improved varieties and technologies, and encouraging externally funded research. Emphasis was also laid on documenting the institute's annual progress, key achievements, research outcomes and infrastructure development. The hon'ble DG highlighted that IARI-Jharkhand should not function as a standalone institute but as an integrated agricultural hub connecting agriculture, livestock and fisheries, with strong collaborative linkages across ICAR institutes.



Foundation stone for the Research School Building and Auditorium.



Interactions with UG students of ICAR-IARI, Jharkhand



Interactions with farmers, distributing farm inputs



Visiting research farm



With staff of ICAR-IARI, Jharkhand

(Source: ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Jharkhand)