

Press Release

IAS Officer Trainees Visit ICAR–Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi

New Delhi, 09 March, 2026: A group of IAS Officer Trainees from Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration visited ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi as part of their Winter Study Tour aimed at providing exposure to key institutions working in the agriculture and rural development sectors.

The visit began with a welcome address by Dr. R. N. Padaria, Joint Director (Extension), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi who introduced the trainees about IARI- “the seat of Green Revolution and the Sustainable food security” and highlighted its historic legacy. He emphasised that ICAR-IARI has consistently played a crucial role in ensuring India’s food security and supporting the farming community through continuous research activities, innovation, and extension activities.

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi delivered a detailed presentation on the institute. The presentation highlighted the achievements and strategic initiatives of ICAR-IARI for building a sustainable agri-food system. He also explained the collaborations of institute’s various divisions and departments working together towards generation of technologies that can benefit farmers, support agricultural policies, and contribute to poverty alleviation.

The Director further elaborated about the institute’s research outcomes helping the farming community through improved crop varieties, advanced farming technologies, and effective extension services. He also highlighted major outreach initiatives such as the Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela, which attracts over one lakh visitors, including farmers, students, and stakeholders from across the country.

As part of the exposure visit, the IAS trainees visited several important facilities and field units of the institute. It included Integrated Farming System (IFS) Model, Centre for Protected Cultivation Technology, Mustard and Wheat experimental plots, Pusa Amrit Sarovar, and Nanaji Deshmukh Plant Phenomics Centre, where they observed advanced research infrastructure and field demonstrations of agricultural technologies.

The visit provided trainees the first hand exposure to innovative agricultural research and sustainable farming practices. The program concluded with an interactive question-and-answer session, where the trainees were engaged with scientists and discussed various aspects of agricultural development and farmer outreach.

The visit offered valuable insights into the role of national agricultural research institutions in strengthening India’s agricultural sector and improvement of the livelihoods of farmers.

