



National Forum for Solarization of Agriculture

Bringing Together NARES and CGIAR Efforts around Solarization of Indian Agriculture

Organised by ICAR–Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
and
International Water Management Institute

Date: 21-04-2026 | Time: 11:00 – 13:00 Hrs |
Venue: Prof. M. S. Swaminathan Library, ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
Hybrid mode (Physical and Virtual)

Agenda

Time	Session	Speaker/Lead
11:00 – 11:05 hrs	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Dr. P. S. Brahmanand Project Director, Principal Scientist, Water Technology Centre (WTC), ICAR-IARI
11:05 – 11:15 hrs	Setting the Context: Solarisation of Agriculture in India	Dr. Alok Sikka Emeritus Scientist, IWMI and Former DDG (NRM), ICAR
11:15 – 11:25 hrs	Perspectives from ICAR on Solarisation and Natural Resource Management	Dr. A. K. Nayak DDG (NRM), ICAR
11:25 – 11:40 hrs	Solarisation of Agriculture: IWMI Work, Learnings and Future Pathways	Sh. Shilp Verma Deputy Country Representative, IWMI India
11:40 – 11:55 hrs	Summary of Inputs from NARES System	Dr. Jai Prakash Principal Scientist, ICAR–IARI
11:55 – 12:05 hrs	Special Presentation: Agrivoltaics and Solarisation Experiences	Dr. Priyabrata Santra Principal Scientist and Head, ICAR-CAZRI
12:05 – 12:15 hrs	Experience and Learning from Agrivoltaics Pilot	Dr. Rauf A. Pary Engineering Division, ICAR-IARI
12:15 – 12:35 hrs	Open Discussion: Bringing Efforts under One Platform – Information Sharing and Collaboration	All Participants; Facilitated by Dr. Sangeetha Chopra Principal Scientist, ICAR-IARI
12:35 – 12:40 hrs	Remarks by Dr. D. K. Singh	Dr. D. K. Singh Former Principal Investigator, Centre of Excellence for Agri- photovoltaic (AgriPV) in India
12:40 – 12:45 hrs	Remarks by Dr. Gopal Kumar	Dr. Gopal Kumar Interim Country Representative, IWMI India and Bangladesh
12:45 – 12:55 hrs	Chair’s Summary and Way Forward	Dr. Cherukumalli Srinivasa Rao Director, ICAR-IARI
12:55 – 13:00 hrs	Vote of Thanks	Dr. Vidya Mandave Research Officer, IWMI

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