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17th AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE 2026



8-9 July 2026 | Taj Palace, New Delhi



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500 +
Attendees

50 +
Speakers

20 +
Awards Categories

2
Days

Agricultural sector is a vital part of the global economy, providing food, jobs, and livelihoods. The agricultural sector employed around 1.2 billion people worldwide in 2024, constituting 28% of the global workforce. Global agricultural value has increased by 89 percent in real terms over the past two decades, reaching \$3.8 trillion in 2022. Global food production has increased significantly since 1960, including a 54% increase in primary crop production between 2000 and 2021.

These achievements have been despite myriad challenges of climate change, political instability, trade barriers, diminishing resources, market imbalances and population explosion. Navigating agriculture through the difficult terrain needs a renewed vision and resilience. Catering to a burgeoning population with limited resources needs innovation to be ingrained to the core. It would require a multidisciplinary global collaboration to align food production to the new and emergent threats. The need to redefine agriculture is imminent. If all the key stakeholders work in tandem, the sector could undoubtedly circumvent the existent challenges and develop a new regime of growth and enhanced production.

The **17th Agriculture Leadership Conclave 2026** to be held on **8-9th July, 2026** at **New Delhi** aims to bring all key functionaries of Indian and global agriculture system on one platform to deliberate upon key issues and agenda, and prepare a roadmap for redefining agriculture. The event will culminate with the presentation of the **17th Agriculture Leadership Awards**. Important individuals and institutions, who have played seminal roles in agriculture development, will be recognised at the Leadership Awards. The event makes it a must for one and all in agriculture, food, agribusiness, research, academics, media, farming, trade, development, policy making, implementation and all those concerned with food, farmers and the rural sector.



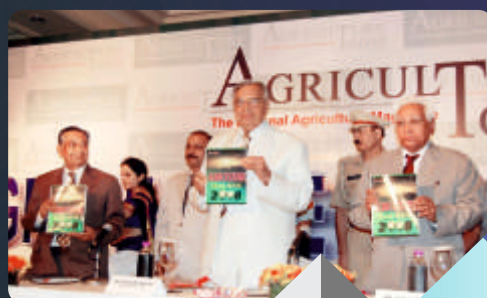
Objectives:

- To discuss the broad issues in agriculture, food and nutrition, the scope and opportunities for India to achieve sustained growth amid new and emergent challenges through policy push and public-private partnerships
- To discuss the national and global food and nutrition security challenges, the issue of access, equity and employment and the concerns on account of services, trade and technology
- To discuss the challenge of climate change, and its potential long-term impact on food and nutrition security situation; and to deliberate upon mitigation strategies for climate resilient agriculture
- To discuss various governmental policies, programs and interventions and the role of the states, industries and institutions in taking Indian food and agriculture to global markets
- To discuss the challenges in agriculture and food logistics infrastructure, processing, services, value chain and supply chain management for sustained growth and profitability in agriculture



Who Should Participate

- Political Leaders, Policy Makers and Diplomats
- Officials of the Central and State Governments
- Industry leaders and agribusiness industry executives
- Experts, researchers, academic and extension persons
- Banking, Insurance, Financial, Rural and Development professionals
- Farmers, Processors, Traders, Exporters, Media & Extension agencies
- Entrepreneurs, NGOs, KPOs, FPOs, Students and Agribusiness professionals



Program Schedule

Day 1 - Wednesday, July 8th, 2026

1.	08:30 AM - 09:30 AM	Networking Breakfast & Registrations
2.	09:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Inaugural Session
3.	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Networking Tea
4.	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Session 1 : Policy Push for Agriculture
5.	12:30 PM- 01:30 PM	Session 2: Smart Solutions for Smart Agriculture
6.	01:30 PM - 02:00 PM	Lunch
7.	02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Session 3: Farmer – Industry Partnership for Profitable Farming
8.	03:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Session 4 : Industry-Academia Partnership for Agriculture
9.	04:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Session 5: Digital Technologies: Redefining Agriculture
10.	05:00 PM - 05:30 PM	Networking Tea
11.	05:30 PM - 07:00 PM	Special Session : CEOs Panel on Future Agriculture
12.	07:00 PM - 08:00 PM	Presentation of Agriculture Leadership Awards 2026
13.	08:00 PM Onwards	Networking Dinner

Day 2 - Thursday, July 9th, 2026

1.	08:30 AM - 09:30 AM	CEOs Breakfast Meet
2.	09:30 AM - 10:30 AM	Session 1 : Diplomats Dialogue on Global Agriculture
3.	10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Networking Tea
4.	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Session 2: Grains and Pulses Global Outlook
5.	12:00 PM- 01:00 PM	Session 3: Banks and Institutions Powering Farm Growth
6.	01:00 PM - 02:00 PM	Lunch
7.	02:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Session 4: Innovating Solutions for Agriculture - Startups Stories
8.	03:00 PM - 04:00 PM	Session 5 : Changing Role of Agribusiness Professionals
9.	04:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Presentation of The Outstanding Professional Awards 2026
10.	05:00 PM Onwards	Networking Tea

Agriculture Leadership Awards 2026

Agriculture in India has come a long way since green revolution. There is a revolution taking place in agriculture sector, driven by the hard work of farmers, progressive government policies, sustained interventions by institutions and corporates and the innovative solutions by startups and individuals. The role of these stakeholders in driving the growth and value-added transformation of India's farm sector is commendable and needs to be recognised and felicitated. Responding to the needs at the national level to recognise the contributions of various stakeholders in agriculture, the magazine took a step forward to reward and motivate individuals and organisations for playing leadership roles in agriculture. The institution of Agriculture Leadership Awards in 2008 was the first step in this direction.

The Awards are presented annually in different categories to individuals and organisations, who have made outstanding contributions in their respective fields. The National Awards Committee is headed by Justice P Sathasivam, with a dozen persons of national eminence as its members. The selection of awardees is done through a two-tier system. The awards sub-committees will be headed by a member of the national committee. All the applications and nominations received by the Awards Secretariat will be put up to the respective sub-committees, which will in turn recommend names to the National Committee for the final selection.

The awards function will be held on **July 8, 2026** at New Delhi. The details can be visited at www.agriculturetoday.in.



AWARDS CATEGORIES

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| ○ Policy Leadership | ○ Academic Leadership | ○ Best Agriculture State |
| ○ Development Leadership | ○ Entrepreneur Leadership | ○ Lifetime Achievements |
| ○ Industry Leadership | ○ International Agriculture | ○ Programme Leadership Award |
| ○ Research Leadership | ○ Young Scientist Award | ○ Best State for Innovations |
| ○ Farming Leadership | ○ Women in Agriculture | ○ Best Fisheries State |
| ○ CSR Leadership | ○ Best Animal Husbandry State | ○ Best State for Food Processing |
| ○ Corporate Leadership | ○ Best Horticulture State | ○ CEO of the Year |

The awards function will be held on Wednesday, **8th July 2026** in New Delhi.

Kindly send nominations/ applications before **30th June 2026**

Past Speakers

UNION MINISTERS



Sh. Rajnath Singh
Union Home Minister



Sh. M. Venkaiah Naidu
Union Minister of Urban Development



Smt. Harsimrat Badal
Minister of Food Processing



Sh. Narendra Singh Tomar
Minister of Agriculture



Sh. Bhupender Yadav
Union Minister of Labour & Employment



Sh. Parsottambhai Rupala
Union Minister of F&AHD

CONSTITUTIONAL POSITIONS



Justice P Sathasivam
Former Chief Justice of India



Prof. KS Solanki
Governor of Haryana & Punjab



Prof. PJ Kurien
Dy. Chairman, Rajya Sabha



Sh. Shivraj Patil
Governor of Punjab



Prof. Ganeshi Lal
Hon'ble Governor of Odisha



H.E. Mr. P Acharya
Governor of Assam

CMs AND AGRICULTURE MINISTERS



Dr. Raman Singh
Chief Minister, Chhattisgarh



Sh. Harish Rawat
Chief Minister, Uttarakhand



Prof. PK Dhumal
Chief Minister, HP



Sh. OP Dhankar
Agriculture Minister, Haryana



Sh. S Shivashankarappa
Horticulture Minister, Karnataka



Sh. Surya Pratap Shahi
Agriculture Minister, UP

POLITICAL LEADERS



Dr. Murli M Joshi
Member of Parliament



Sh. Oscar Fernandes
Member of Parliament



Sh. Digvijay singh
Member of Parliament



Sh. Tariq Anwar
Member of Parliament



Sh. Suresh Prabhu
Minister of Railways



Sh. Prakash Javdekar
Minister of Environment

INDUSTRY LEADERS



Dr. Amrita Patel
Chairman, NDDB



Dr. HK BHANWALA
Chairman, NABARD



Sh. RD Shroff
CMD, UPL Group



Sh. R.S. Sodhi
Managing Director, AMUL



Sh. LD Mittal
Chairman, Sonalika Group



Sh. Salil Singhal
CMD, PI Industries Ltd

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Honble Ambassador
Royal Danish Embassy



H.E. Javier Paulinich
Honble Ambassador of Peru



H.E. Dr. Mbuya I. Munlo
High Commissioner of Malawi



Amb. Islam Siddiqui
Chief Agriculture Negotiator, US

SECRETARIES TO GOVERNMENT OF INDIA



Sh. Ashish Bahuguna
Chairman, FSSAI



Sh. Ashok Dalwai
Additional Secretary
Government of India



Dr. Ramesh Chand
Member, NITI Ayog



Sh. GC Pati
Secretary - AHD&F
Government of India



Prof. Ashutosh Sharma
Secretary - DST
Government of India



Sh. Siraj Hussain
Secretary - MFPI
Government of India

INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS



Dr. Jimmy Smith
Director General, ILRI



H.E. Eng. W. H. El-Sreihin
Director General, AARDO



Amb. Kenneth Quinn
President, World Food Foundation



Dr. Bimal Jalan
Governor, Reserve Bank of India



Dr. RS Paroda
Chairman, TAAS



Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia
Hon'ble Dy Chairman, NITI Ayog

The Outstanding Professional Awards

The Outstanding Professional Awards recognize exceptional middle management professionals in India's food and agribusiness sector who have demonstrated rapid career advancement and made significant contributions to their organizations. These awards celebrate sector leaders who drive innovation, deliver measurable business results, and inspire excellence within their teams and the broader industry.



Professionals meeting the criteria below are invited to submit a concise write-up by email for consideration by the Jury.

Eligibility Criteria

- Possess a technical or professional qualification from a top-ranked institution in India or abroad.
- Have 7 to 21 years of professional experience, with at least 5 promotions reflecting consistent career growth.
- Have successfully led the launch of new products, technologies, programs, or business models that achieved high market acceptance.
- Demonstrated ability to deliver a minimum of 10% growth in business, sales portfolio, or the performance of launched products/programs.
- Exhibit strong leadership, fostering a culture of knowledge sharing, mentorship, and inspiration among peers and teams.
- Uphold organizational values, demonstrate agility, and contribute to building a positive and innovative work environment.

AWARDS CATEGORIES

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| ○ Seeds and Biotechnology | ○ Poultry |
| ○ Crop Protection | ○ Fisheries |
| ○ Soil Health and Plant Nutrition | ○ Horticulture |
| ○ Farm Machinery | ○ Cold Chain and Infrastructure |
| ○ Irrigation | ○ Food Processing |
| ○ IT and Farm Automation | ○ Banking |
| ○ Animal Health | ○ Development |
| ○ Dairy | |

PAST AWARDEES



Sh. Rajnath Singh
President, BJP



Dr. Balram Jhakar
Governor of MP



Sh. Prakash S. Badal
Chief Minister of Punjab



Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Chief Minister of MP



Sh. Sharad Pawar
Union Agriculture Minister



Dr. AR Kidwai
Governor of Haryana



Dr. Raman Singh
Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh



Prof. PS Dhumal
Chief Minister of Himachal



Late Dr. V. Kurien
Pioneer of White Revolution



H.E. Alphonsus Stoelinga
Ambassador of Netherlands



Sh. Akhilesh Yadav
Chief Minister of UP



Prof. MS Swaminathan
Chairman, MSSRF



Prof. R B Singh,
Chancellor, Central
Agriculture University



Dr. RS Paroda
Chairman, TAAS



Amb. Islam Siddiqui
Chief Agriculture Negotiator,
US



Dr. Amrita Patel
Chairperson, NDDB



Dr. SK Malhotra
Agriculture Commissioner, GoI



Dr. Thomas Lumpkin
DG, CIMMYT, Mexico



Sh. Suresh Prabhu
Minister of Railways



Prof. Panjab Singh
Vice Chancellor, BHU



Mr. Rajju D. Shroff
Chairman, UPL Group



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States



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Andhra Pradesh



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Gujarat



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Maharashtra



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Sikkim



Government of
Madhya Pradesh



Government of
Uttarakhand



Government of
Rajasthan



Government of
Kerala



Government of
Odisha

Industry



Institutions And Banks



NDDB



NIRD



MSSRF



Amul



Indian Oil



ICRIASAT



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India



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(1.) Title Sponsor (Rs. 40.00 Lacs)

- Official status of Title Sponsor
- Organization logo to be included in all awards.
- Branding on all marketing collaterals (website, banner, hoarding, standees etc), Social Media Promotion of the organization for the entire year
- Special acknowledgement during inaugural, concluding ceremony and any other two sessions
- A senior management official will get an opportunity to share dais with other dignitaries during inaugural and awards ceremony
- Organization advertisement free of cost for entire year in Agriculture Today magazine.
- Back cover page of event souvenir
- Corporate video of duration 5 minutes, to be played during breaks.
- 5 standees (6*3 ft) can be displayed at the venue
- A special podcast episode featuring a distinguished official from the organisation later in the year.

(2.) Principal Sponsor/ Partner State (Rs. 25.00 Lacs)

- Official status of Principal Sponsor/ Partner State
- Branding on all marketing collaterals (website, banner, hoarding, standees etc)
- Special acknowledgement during inaugural and concluding ceremony.
- A senior management official will get an opportunity to share dais with other dignitaries during inaugural and awards ceremony
- Back cover page of event souvenir
- Corporate video of duration 5 minutes, to be played during breaks.
- 3 standees (6*3 ft) can be displayed at the venue
- Speaking slot for senior management official in relevant/preferred session

(3.) Main Sponsors/ Guest State (Rs. 15.00 Lacs)

- Official status of Main Sponsor/ Guest State
- Branding on all marketing collaterals
- Special acknowledgement during inaugural and concluding ceremony.
- A senior management official will get an opportunity to share dais with other dignitaries during inaugural and awards ceremony
- Inside Cover (Back/front) of event souvenir
- A Corporate video of duration 3 minutes, to be played during breaks.
- 3 standees (6*3 ft) can be displayed at the venue
- Speaking slot for senior management official in relevant/preferred session

(4.) Sponsor (Rs. 06.00 Lacs)

- Official status of Sponsor of the event
- Branding on all marketing collaterals
- Special acknowledgement during inaugural ceremony
- Color Page advertisement of event souvenir
- 1 standees (6*3 ft) can be displayed at the venue
- Speaking slot for senior management official in relevant/preferred session

(5.) Co-Sponsor (Rs. 04.00 Lacs)

- Official status of Co-Sponsor of the event
- Branding on all marketing collaterals
- Special acknowledgement during inaugural ceremony
- Color Page advertisement of event souvenir
- 2 standees (6*3 ft) can be displayed at the venue

(6.) Associate Sponsor (Rs. 02.50 Lacs)

- Official status of Associate Sponsor of the event
- Branding on all marketing collaterals
- Color Page advertisement of event souvenir
- 2 standees (6*3 ft) can be displayed at the venue

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

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Glimpses of Past Events



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About Agriculture Today Group

Indian Agriculture has been, and continues to be the cornerstone of the Indian economy for thousands of years. It has played a crucial role in the gross economic growth of the nation and touches the lives of a major chunk of the country's population. In today's time, this sector holds considerable potential of stimulating growth. It has become one of the fastest growing sectors of the nation with the rapidly changing scenario of modern technologies.

Agriculture Today Group, has been on the forefront of giving voice to the sector, creating opinions and awareness and providing platform for informed discussions and networking. The annual leadership summit is much awaited event for everyone involved in Indian agriculture. The Group, besides bringing out India's leading agriculture magazine, Agriculture Today, also hosts a number of policy, trade and knowledge events in partnership with the industry and institutions. The magazine covers the latest news and analysis of pressing agricultural issues of national and international importance. Over the last 25 years, Agriculture Today has emerged as the most trusted and admired agriculture magazines in the country.

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