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# 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

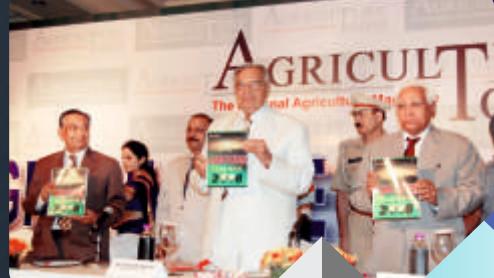
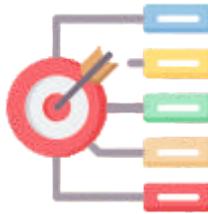
These achievements have been despite myriad challenges of climate change, political instability, trade barriers, diminishing resources, market imbalances and population explosion. Navigating agriculture through the difficult terrain needs a renewed vision and resilience. Catering to a burgeoning population 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 **17<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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	<b>Presentation of Agriculture Leadership Awards 2026</b>
13.	08:00 PM Onwards	Networking Dinner

## Day 2 - Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 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	<b>Presentation of The Outstanding Professional Awards 2026</b>
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](http://www.agriculturetoday.in).



## AWARDS CATEGORIES

- Policy Leadership
- Development Leadership
- Industry Leadership
- Research Leadership
- Farming Leadership
- CSR Leadership
- Corporate Leadership
- Academic Leadership
- Entrepreneur Leadership
- International Agriculture
- Young Scientist Award
- Women in Agriculture
- Best Animal Husbandry State
- Best Horticulture State
- Best Agriculture State
- Lifetime Achievements
- Programme Leadership Award
- Best State for Innovations
- Best Fisheries State
- Best State for Food Processing
- 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. Venkiah 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



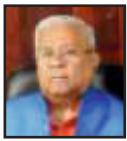
**Prof. PJ Kurien**  
Dy. Chairman, Rajya Sabha



**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

## DIPLOMATS



**H.E. Jerome Bonnafont**  
Ambassador of France



**H.E. Alphonsus Stoelinga**  
Honble Ambassador of Netherlands



**H.E. Freddy Svane**  
Honble Ambassador  
Royal Danish Embassy



**H.E. Javier Paulinich**  
Honble Ambassador of Peru



**H.E. Dr. Mbuya I. Munio**  
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

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

## 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 Dhital**  
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, NDBB



**Dr. SK Malhotra**  
Agriculture Commissioner, Gol



**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



**Dr. William Dar**  
DG, ICRISAT



**Dr. S. Ayyappan**  
Director General, ICRAR



**Sh. Eknath Shinde**  
Chief Minister of Maharashtra

## Universities and Research Institutes



Central Agriculture  
University



Punjab Agriculture  
University



NIFTEM



Tamil Nadu  
Agriculture University



Assam Agriculture  
University



NAARM



NBPGR



IARI



NDRI



BAIF  
Development  
Foundation

## States



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Sikkim



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Kerala



Government of  
Odisha

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## Institutions And Banks



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NIRD



MSSRF



Amul



Indian Oil



ICRISAT  
Science with a human Face



State Bank of  
India



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# Benefits To Sponsors

## (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

\$300 Foreign Delegates

INR 15000 for Indian Delegate

## BULK DISCOUNT

3-5 Registration - 15% Discount

6 and more Registrations - 20% Discount

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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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