



Indian Council of Agricultural Research

Why in News

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) celebrated its **92nd foundation day on 16th July 2020.**

Key Points

- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) was **established on 16 July 1929** as a **registered society** under the **Societies Registration Act, 1860.**
- It is an **autonomous organisation** under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare**, Government of India.
- It is **headquartered at New Delhi.** With 102 ICAR institutes and 71 agricultural universities spread across the country this is one of the largest national agricultural systems in the world.
- It is the **apex body** for coordinating, guiding and managing research and education in agriculture including horticulture, fisheries and animal sciences in the entire country.
- The ICAR has played a pioneering role in **ushering Green Revolution** and subsequent developments in agriculture in India through its research and technology development that has enabled the country to increase the **production of foodgrains by 5.6 times, horticultural crops by 10.5 times, fish by 16.8 times, milk by 10.4 times and eggs by 52.9 times since 1950-51 to 2017-18.**

Note:

- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) will start a **Farmers Innovation Fund.**
- The **'Kisan Diwas' or National Farmers Day** is observed across the country on **23rd December** to celebrate the birth anniversary of **Chaudhary Charan Singh, the former Prime Minister of India.**
- **Dr. Norman E. Borlaug was the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970** for his work in global agriculture. He is also known as the **Father of the Green Revolution.**
- The World Food Prize is also known as the "**Nobel Prize for Food and Agriculture**". **Dr. Rattan Lal** has been declared the winner of the **World Food Prize 2020.**
 - **Dr. M.S. Swaminathan**, the father of India's green revolution, was the **first recipient of this award in 1987.**
- **World Food Day** is observed annually on 16th October to address the problem of global hunger (**SDG 2-Zero hunger**).

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