



National Agrochemicals Congress

The first-ever **National Agrochemicals Congress** was held at the **Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi** from 13th - 16th November 2019. It **will be conducted every three years**.

- The **theme** of the Congress is '**Country's Status on Various Fronts of Agrochemicals**'.
- Agrochemicals imply chemicals used in agriculture, such as a pesticide or fertilizer.
- The Congress was conducted in view of **the role chemical pesticides still continue to play** in pest management as more and more target-specific and environment-friendly products are being introduced.
- It was conducted by the **Society of Pesticide Science India**, headquartered at Division of Agricultural Chemicals, IARI, New Delhi.
- **Recommendations:**
 - Labelling of pesticide indicating the mode of action,
 - To rethink on restrictive banning of pesticides in view of risk-based considerations,
 - Policy regarding data protection of imported technical pesticides and
 - Policy for the introduction of safe nano-formulations and empowerment of farmers through training and extension.

Indian Agricultural Research Institute

- IARI is the leading institution for agricultural research, education and extension in the country.
- It comes **under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)**, an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
 - The Council is the apex body for coordinating, guiding and managing research and education in agriculture including horticulture, fisheries and animal sciences in the entire country.

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