



Papers Presented and Participation of the Institute at the Conferences/Workshops, Etc.

PAPERS PRESENTED

55th Session of International Statistical Institute, Sydney, Australia 05-12 April 2005

- A Das, H Ghosh, and CK Midha. A and D efficient partial diallel cross designs
- H Ghosh, A Das and CK Midha. Designs for estimation of heritability in diallel crosses

National Symposium on Biopesticides held at IARI, New Delhi during 20-21 April 2005

- S Jayakrishnan, Madhuban Gopal, KL Srivastava, SK Jha, R Niwas, A Helal and VK Mahajan. Comparison of bio and synthetic pesticide for the management of shoot and fruit borer of eggplant *Solanum melongene* L
- Ram Niwas, Madhuban Gopal, Irani Mukerjee and VK Mahajan. Quality control of neem seed kernel powder (NSKP) by estimation of azadirachtin-A and improving its extraction

2-days Workshop on Improvement of Agricultural Statistics at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi during 01-02 July 2005

- UC Sud. Methodology and related issues for small area statistics
- KK Tyagi, HVL Bathla and SD Sharma. Long term mechanization strategies for different agro climatic zones/states

12th Annual Group Meeting of AICRP on Rapeseed and Mustard at GBPUA&T, Pantnagar during 11-13 August 2005

- Rajender Parsad and VK Gupta. Statistical designing and analytical techniques useful for varietal trials

Poster Presentation Hindi Chetna Maas at IASRI, New Delhi during 01-30 September 2005

- अमरेन्द्र कुमार, सुभाष मैहता, रंजना अग्रवाल एवं विश्व धर । अरहर के कीटों व रोगों के लिये पूर्वानुमान मॉडल।

- सिनी वरगीस, सीमा जग्गी, वी के शर्मा एवं एन पी सिंह। रिज़ोलवेबल नेस्टेड ग्रुप डिविज़िबल डिजाइन्स ।
- राजेन्द्र कुमार, जे के कपूर एवं एन पी सिंह। कृषि से संबंधित कार्यों में उर्वरक प्रयोग की दक्षता पर सांख्यिकीय अन्वेषण ।
- रंजना अग्रवाल, लाल मोहन भर एवं एस एस वालिया। मत्स्य उत्पादन का पूर्वानुमान - कुछ विधियाँ ।
- त्रिभुवन राय एवं चन्द्रहास । मौसम चरों के आधार पर धान की उपज का पूर्वानुमान लगाने हेतु विविक्तकर फलन पद्धति का उपयोग ।
- प्रेम नारायण, एस डी शर्मा, एस सी राय एवं वी के भाटिया । आर्थिक विकास की दृष्टि से प्रदेशों का वर्गीकरण तथा अल्प विकसित क्षेत्रों की पहचान ।
- वी के भाटिया, विजय बिन्दल एवं एस सी राय । उड़ीसा के जनपदों का सामाजिक-आर्थिक वर्गीकरण ।
- एस डी वाही, पाल सिंह, वी पी सिंह एवं प्रकाश लाल । भारतीय बकरियों में विभिन्न अनुवांशिक समूहों के बीच अन्तर मापने की बेहतर विधियाँ ।

International Conference and Exhibition on Soilless Culture organised by International Society of Horticultural Science, Fort Canning Rise, Singapore during 05-08 September 2005

- Anupama, MC Singh, Rajesh Kumar, BS Parmar and A Kumar. Performance of a new superabsorbent polymer on seedling and post planting growth and water use pattern of *Chrysanthemum* grown under controlled environment

8th International Biometric Society (Indian Region) Conference, Department of Agricultural Statistics, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore during 04-07 October 2005

- Krishan Lal, Rajender Parsad and VK Gupta. Trend-free nested balanced incomplete block designs with applications in designs for diallel cross experiments

59th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics held at Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology, Jammu during 11-13 November 2005

- Ananta Sarkar, Rajender Parsad and DK Mehta. Trends of soil available nutrients and their prediction in long-term fertilizer experiments

- Anil Kumar, Sanjeev Panwar, Dharmendra and Prawin Arya. Variability in treatment responses under rice-wheat sequence
- AK Gupta, VK Jain, MS Narang, UC Sud and KK Tyagi. Production of important flowers on the basis of market arrivals in Delhi
- Jagbir Singh. Estimation of small, moderate and large area level
- N Okendro Singh, VK Bhatia and Amrit Kumar Paul. Estimation of variance components when errors are correlated by autoregressive of order one
- Rajender Parsad (Dr. D.N. Lal Memorial Lecture). Designing experiments for cropping systems research
- Rajender Parsad and VK Gupta. Statistical designing of experiments for hill agriculture
- Rajni Jain, S Minz and V Ramasubramanian. Performance of machine learning techniques vis-à-vis logistic regression in forewarning incidence of crop diseases
- Sangeeta Ahuja, PK Malhotra, VK Bhatia and Rajender Parsad. Statistical Package for Agricultural Reserach (SPAR 2.0)
- Susheel Kumar Sarkar and Krishan Lal. A multivariate approach to the analysis of growth data on pigs
- Sanjeev Panwar, Anil Kumar and N Sivaramane. Non-linear modelling of banana production of different states in India
- Soumen Pal, IC Sethi and Alka Arora. Decision support system for nutrient management in crops
- T Rai, Ranjana Agrawal and Madan Mohan. Growth model of weeds grown with soybean
- VK Sharma and Sandipan Bhattacharyya. Partially balanced change-over designs with first residual

Brain Storming Session on Statistical Issues in Rapeseed-Mustard Trials at IASRI, New Delhi on 19 November 2005

- Rajender Parsad. Statistical issues in rapeseed-mustard trials
- VK Bhatia. Some statistical issues in stability of crop varieties

2nd Global Conference on Plant Health-Global Wealth at MPUAT, Udaipur, Rajasthan during 25-29 November 2005

- Amrender Kumar, Ranjana Agrawal, C Chattopadhyay, YG Prasad and YS Ramakrishna. Artificial neural network approach for forecasting pests and diseases in mustard
- Amrender Kumar, Ranjana Agrawal, AK Srivastava, C Chattopadhyay, YG Prasad and YS Ramakrishna. Logistic model for forewarning pests and diseases using weather parameters

8th Annual Conference of Society of Statistics, Computer and Applications at Department of Statistics and Computer Science, Government Vidarbha Institute of Science and Humanities, Amravati during 28-30 November 2005

- Alope Lahiri. Finding eigen values related to precision of gca effects estimated using diallel crossing plans
- Lalmohan Bhar and VK Gupta. Detection of multiple outliers in designed experiments
- Rajender Parsad and VK Gupta (Invited Talk). Current status of experimental designs in agricultural research-I
- V Ramasubramanian, MK Sharma and SS Walia. Statistical models for forewarning incidence of major pests of paddy

National Seminar on Entrepreneurship Development for Livelihood Security - Experiences, Prospects and Strategies for Rural India organized at IVRI, Izatnagar, Bareilly, U.P. during 29 November to 01 December 2005

- Shahnawazul Islam, Hari Om Agarwal, JP Sharma and Mohd. Samir Farooqi. Role of information technology for entrepreneurship development in agriculture

National Symposium on Efficient Water Management for Eco-friendly Sustainable and Profitable Agriculture at IARI, New Delhi during 01-03 December 2005

- RN Garg, RK Tomar, Ranjana Agrawal, Rajender Kumar, D Chakraborty, RN Sahoo, VK Gupta, N Kalra and S Singh. Response of wheat to different planting schedules moisture regime and N-fertilization in semi-arid regions

93rd Session of Indian Science Congress, ANGRAU, Hyderabad during 03-07 January 2006

- Amrender Kumar and Ranjana Agrawal. Forewarning model for pests in cotton
- Amrit Kumar Paul and Mir Asif Iquebal. Some aspects of estimation of heritability of herd life
- Prajneshu. Statistical modelling techniques for describing India's marine production data

9th Annual International Conference and Exhibition in the field of Geographic Information Science, Technology and Application Map India 2006 at New Delhi during 30 January to 01 February 2006

- Prachi Misra Sahoo, Anil Rai, Randhir Singh, BK Handique, Markand Oza and JS Parihar. Remote sensing based sampling methodology for estimation of crop acreage in north-eastern hilly region

International Conference on Social Science Perspectives in Agricultural Research and Development held at IARI, New Delhi during 15-18 February 2006

- Anil Rai, SD Sharma, Prachi Misra Sahoo and PK Malhotra. Development of livelihood index for different agro-climatic zones in India
- Shahnawazul Islam, Hari Om Agarwal, Vipin K Dubey and JP Sharma. Expert system on wheat crop management: An effective tool for transfer of technology and information management
- Mohd. Samir Farooqi, Shahnawazul Islam, KK Chaturvedi, Kirti Sharma and Harnam Singh Sikarwar. Identifying insects through expert system on wheat crop management

National Symposium on Technology Interventions for Livestock Improvement and Production at National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Pusa Campus, New Delhi during 17-19 February 2006

- Sarika, SD Wahi and AR Rao. A study on estimation of genetic correlation

PARTICIPATION

- Agriculture Summit-2005 on "Reforms for Raising Farm Income" on 09 April 2005 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon'ble Prime

- Minister inaugurated the Summit. Shri Sharad Pawar, Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture, Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution delivered the Keynote Address.
- National Workshop on “Long-term Mechanization Strategies for Different Agro-climatic Zones/ States” for presentation of final report of the project organised by IASRI at NASC Complex, New Delhi during 15-16 April 2005. The Workshop was inaugurated by Smt. Radha Singh, Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India.
 - National Seminar on “Food Quality and Safety Standards of Agricultural Raw and Processed Produce” organised by CIPHET, Ludhiana at NASC Complex, New Delhi during 26-27 April 2005. Dr. Mangala Rai, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR inaugurated the Seminar. Dr. G. Kalloo, DDG (Hort. & Crops), ICAR presided. Dr. S. Ayyappan, DDG (Fy.) and Dr. Nawab Ali, DDG (Engg.), ICAR were Guests of Honour.
 - Brainstorming Session to design an effective structure and mechanism of M&E system including finalization of indicators and their benchmarking in connection with the preparation of World Bank assisted National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) held at NATP Office, ICAR, KAB-II, New Delhi on 04 May 2005.
 - Seminar on “Constraints of Becoming an Economic Super Power: Some Reflections on India's Growth Potential” at NCAP, New Delhi on 05 May 2005.
 - Dissemination Workshop of the A P Cess funded project on “Modeling for Forecasting of Crop Yield Using Weather Parameters and Agricultural Inputs” at the Institute on 20 May 2005.
 - Sensitization-cum-Requirement Analysis Workshops of NISAGENET project held at i) Rajendra Agricultural University, Pusa during 28-29 April 2005, ii) Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology, Udaipur during 17-18 May 2005, iii) Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore during 25-26 May 2005 and iv) IASRI, New Delhi during 07-08 June 2005.
 - Hindi Workshop for ISM Software at IASRI, New Delhi during 16-18 June 2005.
 - Workshops on “National Forestry Database Management System” organized by Ministry of Forest and Environment at New Delhi from 02-05 July 2005.
 - 3rd Workshop of AICRP on ESA (Ergonomics & Safety in Agriculture) at MPUAT, Udaipur during 07-08 July 2005.
 - The Mission-2007 - 2nd Convention of National Alliance on 11 July 2005 at New Delhi. The Chief Guest was Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, His Excellency the President of India.
 - Brainstorming Workshop for Component-I of National Agricultural Innovative Project, ICAR on 13 July 2005.
 - Two days Hindi Workshop organized by Hindi Section at IASRI, New Delhi on 23-24 August 2005.
 - National Symposium on “Aromatic Rice and Medicinal Rice: Trade Related Issues” held at IARI, New Delhi on 29 August 2005. The Chief Guest was Dr. MS Swaminathan, FRS, UNESCO-Cousteau Professor in Ecotechnology and Chairman, National Commission on Farmers.
 - Brainstorming Session for discussing various issues related with International Rice Congress-2006 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mangala Rai, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR held at NASC Complex, New Delhi on 08 September 2005.
 - Brainstorming Session for Discussion on “Improving the Quality of Indian Journals in Agricultural Research, Education & Development” under the Chairmanship of Dr. Kirti Singh, Former Chairman, ASRB held at NASC Complex, New Delhi on 12 September 2005.
 - Workshop on “Capacity Building Program for Indian Agriculture Research, Extension and Development (RED) Organizations in Globalized Agricultural Economy” at IARI, New Delhi during 15-16 September 2005.
 - Group meeting of AICRP on “Cropping System” at AAU, Jorhat during 28-30 September 2005.
 - Two Workshops one on “Methodological Issues in Clinical Trials” and the other on “Linear Models”

- at University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore during 04-05 October 2005.
- World Food Day celebrations organized by ICAR at NASC Complex, New Delhi on 14 October 2005.
 - The 4th International Food Legumes Research Conference on “Food Legumes for Nutritional Security and Sustainable Agriculture” at National Physical Laboratory, New Delhi on 18 October 2005. The Chief Guest was Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, His Excellency the Vice-President of India. Shri Arjun Singh, Hon’ble Minister for Human Resource Development, GOI was the Guest of Honour.
 - National Conference of Krishi Vigyan Kendras held at NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi on 27 October 2005. The Chief Guest was Dr. Manmohan Singh, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India. Shri Sharad Pawar, Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture, GOI presided the Conference. Shri Kanti Lal Bhuria, Minister of State for Agriculture, GOI was Guest of Honour.
 - Workshop on “Initiating Network Programme on Conservation Agriculture” at PDCSR, Modipuram on 10 November 2005.
 - Seminar on “Anticipating Change: Targeting Investments in Livestock Research for the Poor” at International Livestock Research Institute, NASC Complex, New Delhi on 14 November 2005.
 - Workshop to finalize the M&E arrangement under NAIP, as a part of NAIP Progress Review Mission held at PIU, NATP, KAB-II, Pusa, New Delhi on 21 November 2005.
 - Workshop on Research Potential on “Cost of Cultivation Data” held at Institute of Economic Growth, University of Delhi, Delhi on 22 November 2005. The workshop was jointly organized by Institute of Economic Growth and Indian Society of Agricultural Economics.
 - Two days Hindi Workshop organized by Hindi Section at IASRI, New Delhi on 15-16 December 2005.
 - Global Land Cover Network (GLCN) Workshop organized by FAO, Rome and UNEP at IIRS, Dehradun from 19-23 December 2005.
 - Biotech-2005 - 3rd National Conference of Biotechnology Society of India at Manesar, Gurgaon during 22-24 December 2005.
 - Brainstorming Session on “WTO and Indian Agriculture: Implications for Policy and R&D” on 23 December 2005 at National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi.
 - Two days International Workshop on “Smallh-older Livestock Production in India: Opportunities and Challenges” held at NASC Complex, New Delhi during 31 January and 01 February 2006. At the Inaugural Function, Prof. Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission, GOI was the Chief Guest. Dr. Mangala Rai, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, and Dr. Carlos Sere, Director General, International Livestock Research Institute, Nairobi, Kenya presided.
 - The 44th Convocation of IARI, New Delhi on 10 February 2006. Prof. MGK Menon, Former Minister of State for Science & Technology, GOI and presently Senior Advisor, Department of Space, Indian Space Research Organisation delivered the Convocation Address.
 - Brainstorming Session on “Low and Declining Crop Response to Fertilizers” at National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, NASC Complex, New Delhi during 20-21 February 2006. Prof. MS Swaminathan, President, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences and Chairman, National Commission on Farmers, GOI inaugurated the Session.
 - Two days National Conference on “Agriculture for Kharif Campaign 2006” organised by DOAC, Ministry of Agriculture at NASC Complex, New Delhi during 21-22 February 2006.
 - Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela of IARI, New Delhi on 23 February 2006. The Theme of the Mela was “IARI’s March Towards Second Green Revolution”. Shri Kanti Lal Bhuria, Hon’ble Minister of State for Agriculture, GOI was the Chief Guest. Dr. Mangala Rai, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR presided.
 - National Workshop-cum-Seminar on “Commercial Goat and Sheep Farming and Marketing Farmer - Industry - Research - Interface” at CIRG, Makhdoom during 04-05 March 2006.

- The 6th Annual Baramati Initiative on ICT & Development entitled “The Potential of E-Agriculture” was held at Vidyapratishthan Institute of Information Technology (VIIT), Baramati (Maharashtra) during 10-11 March 2006. Director of the Institute made his presentation on “IASRI Initiatives on E-Agriculture” in one of the Technical Sessions.
- National Convention on “Knowledge-Driven Agricultural Development: Management of Change” organized by Agriculture Research Service Scientists’ Forum during 24-26 March 2006 at IARI, New Delhi. The Chief Guest at the Inaugural Function was Shri Sharad Pawar, Hon’ble Union Minister for Agriculture, Food, Public Distribution & Consumer Affairs. Dr. Mangala Rai, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR presided. Dr. CD Mayee, Chairman, ASRB was the Guest of Honour.
- Release of Commemorative Postage Stamp on IARI by Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Hon’ble Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology, GOI on 30 March 2006 at IARI, New Delhi. Shri Sharad Pawar, Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture, Food, Public Distribution & Consumer Affairs, GOI was the Chief Guest.
- “Recent Advances in the Analysis of Survey Data” organized at IASRI, New Delhi under the aegis of Centre of Advanced Studies in Agricultural Statistics and Computer Applications from 18 November to 08 December 2005
- ARC-IMS, a Web Based GIS Software at NIIT, ESRI India, New Delhi during 29-30 December 2005
- “Statistical Techniques for Agricultural Research with Emphasis on Use of Software” organized under the aegis of Centre of Advanced Studies in Agricultural Statistics and Computer Application at IASRI, New Delhi from 21 December 2005 to 10 January 2006.
- “Development of Portals using LAMP Technology” under the aegis of Centre of Advanced Studies in Agricultural Statistics and Computer Application (CAS) at IASRI, New Delhi during 01-21 February 2006
- “Management Development Programme - Performance Assessment of Agricultural Research Organisations” at NAARM, Hyderabad during 23-28 February 2006
- “Effective Technical Assistance in Management of Agricultural Research” at NAARM, Hyderabad during 24-30 March 2006

Participation in Training Programmes

- “Library Access Demonstration” at IARI, New Delhi during April 2005
- “Library Information System” organised at IASRI, New Delhi during 28-30 April 2005
- “Information Technology in Agriculture” at NAARM, Hydrabad during 01-21 June 2005
- Short course on “Genetic Algorithms for Engineering Optimization” held at Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur during 20-22 July 2005
- “Networking Essential for Information Management in Agriculture” Organised by NAARM, Hyderabad during 01-11 August 2005
- “Data-Driven Web Solution using Open Source Technology” organized under the aegis of Centre of Advanced Studies in Agricultural Statistics and Computer Applications at IASRI, New Delhi from 17 September 2005 to 07 October 2005

Participation in Various Meetings/ Discussions/ Functions, etc.

- Meeting with Asstt. Director General (Engg.) and Dr. SM Ilyas, Director, CIPHET regarding a survey to be undertaken on assessment of harvest and post-harvest losses under the All India Coordinated Research Project on Post Harvest Technology, held on 02 April 2005.
- 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th Meetings of the Task Force on Balanced Use of Fertilizer held on 05 April 2005, 14 April 2005, 30 April 2005 and 16 May 2005 respectively at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. In these meetings the response ratio of N, P, K and micro-nutrient obtained from the experiments conducted on farmers’ fields were discussed.

- Coordination Committee Meeting of the All India Coordinated Research Project on “Post Harvest Technology” held at CIPHET, Ludhiana during 11-13 April 2005.
- Meeting with DDG (Engg.) and ADG (Engg.) for discussions on NASM on 05 May 2005.
- Discussions with the World Bank Team on 06 May 2005.
- Meeting with DDG (Engg.) for reviewing the progress of Agricultural Research Data Book 2005 on 12 May 2005.
- The 4th Meeting of Steering Committee for Preparation of Manuals on Various Statistical Indicators/Statistics under the Chairmanship of Dr. S Ray, Director General & CEO, NSSO held at Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi on 06 June 2005.
- Meeting of the Empowered Committee for the implementation of “Awards and Fellowships for Outstanding and Meritorious Research Work in Statistics” under the Chairmanship of Secretary, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, Govt. of India at Sardar Patel Bhawan on 07 June 2005.
- Meeting of the High Level Co-ordination Committee of Orissa State on Revision of Sampling Design under EARAS for the purpose of R.K.B.Y. in Orissa held at Bhubaneswar on 09 June 2005.
- Meeting at Coconut Development Board, Kochi on 22 June 2005 and paper presentation on “Methodology and Other Related Issues in Estimating Cost of Cultivation of Coconut”.
- Presentation Ceremony of National Awards in Statistics in honour of Prof. CR Rao for the year 2004-05 to Prof. Probal Chaudhuri and distribution of prizes to the winners of Essay Competition by Shri Oscar Fernandes, Hon’ble Minister of State for Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India at SCOPE Complex, New Delhi on 29 June 2005. Also to celebrate the Birth Anniversary of Prof. PC Mahalanobis, a lecture was delivered by Prof. BLS Prakasa Rao in his memory on this occasion.
- The 1st Meeting of “Expert Group for Establishment of National Forestry Database Management System” organized by the Ministry of Forest and Environment during 11-13 July 2005 at New Delhi.
- HP Solutions meet at Oberoi Hotel on 12 July 2005.
- Meeting with World Bank Mission member Shri Ghazali Raheem along with colleagues at IASRI on 18 July 2005.
- Meeting under the Chairmanship of Dr. Mangala Rai, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR on 01 August 2005 at NASC Complex, New Delhi to discuss Mashelkar Committee Recommendations.
- Meeting of the Working Group for developing guidelines on “Project Components 2 & 3 under National Agricultural Innovative Project” under the Chairmanship of Dr. KV Raman held at NAARM, Hyderabad during 05-06 August 2005.
- Meeting of the High Level Co-ordination Committee on “Agricultural Statistics of Karnataka State” held on 11 August 2005 at Bangalore.
- Meeting of the Working Group for developing guidelines of Component-I entitled “Strengthening ICAR as a Catalyzing Agent of Indian Agricultural Innovation System” under National Agricultural Innovation Project at New Delhi on 12 August 2005.
- Meeting with Dr. KD Singh, Former FAO Expert regarding Agro-forestry Project on 20 August 2005.
- Meeting regarding TCD meeting and a training course on 22 August 2005 with the Advisor (Statistics), Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying.
- Felicitation Function of Dr. MS Swaminathan, FRS on his 80th Birthday on 29 August 2005 at IARI, New Delhi.
- Meeting of the sub group no. 1 on “Earning and Capacity Building” under the Working Group for Component-I of NAIP held on 29 August 2005 at KAB-II, New Delhi.

- Meeting of the team constituted to review the “Results Framework and Monitoring Indicators” for NAIP held on 30 August 2005 at KAB-II, New Delhi.
- Meeting of the Task Force for Study on “Assessment of Survey Capabilities of Private Sector: World Bank assisted India Statistical Strengthening Project under the Chairmanship of Dr. RC Panda, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, GOI held at Patel Bhawan, New Delhi on 01 September 2005.
- Meeting of the Editorial Committee of the project “Formulation of Long Term Mechanization Strategy for each Agro-climatic Region/State” at the Institute on 02-03 September 2005.
- Discussions with Dr. Jacques Diouf, Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization, Rome on his visit to the National Agricultural Science Museum on 05 September 2005 and took him round the Museum.
- The 5th Meeting of the Steering Committee for Preparation of Manuals on Various Statistical Indicators/Statistics under the Chairmanship of Dr. S Ray, Director General & CEO, NSSO held at Patel Bhawan, New Delhi on 06 September 2005.
- The 3rd Meeting of the Working Group for developing guidelines on Project Components 2&3 under National Agricultural Innovative Project under the Chairmanship of Dr. KV Raman held at KAB-II, New Delhi on 08 September 2005.
- Meeting with Dr. SK Goyal, Commissioner, Commissionerate of Agriculture, Maharashtra, and other officers of the Commissionerate, to sort out current problems in the implementation of the project “Pilot Study to Develop an Alternative Methodology for Estimation of Area and Production of Horticultural Crops” in Maharashtra held at Pune on 13 September 2005.
- The 3rd Meeting of the Technical Monitoring Committee for CSS on “Strengthening of Database and Information Networking for the Fisheries Sector” of the Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI, held at Chandigarh on 26 September 2005. Director of the Institute chaired the meeting.
- The 1st Rao Bahadur Dr. B. Viswanath Award Ceremony held on 28 September 2005 at IARI, New Delhi. This Biennial Award was given to Dr. CD Mayee, Chairman, ASRB by the Chief Guest, Shri Sharad Pawar, Hon’ble Union Minister for Agriculture, Government of India.
- The 1st Rao Bahadur Dr. B Viswanath Award Lecture delivered by Dr. Charudatta Digambar Mayee, Chairman, ASRB at IARI, New Delhi on 28 September 2005. The Lecture was presided by Dr. Kirti Singh, Former Chairman, ASRB.
- Regional meetings of the project entitled “Assessment of Post Harvest Losses” held at i) CIPHET, Ludhiana during 28-29 October 2005, ii) CIAE, Bhopal on 08 November 2005 and iii) West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences, Kolkata during 28-29 November 2005.
- Meeting of the Task Force for Study on Assessment of Survey Capabilities of Private Sector: World Bank assisted entitled “India Statistical Strengthening Project” under the Chairmanship of Dr. RC Panda, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, GOI at Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi on 03 October 2005.
- Meeting of the Empowered Committee for Implementation of Awards and Fellowships for outstanding and meritorious research work in Statistics under the Chairmanship of Shri PS Rana, Secretary, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, GOI at Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi on 24 October 2005.
- Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Project “A Pilot Study to Develop an Alternative Methodology for Estimation of Area and Production of Horticultural Crops” held at IASRI on 25 October 2005. Director of the Institute chaired the meeting.
- Meeting of Working Group for developing guidelines on Project Components 2&3 under National Agricultural Innovative Project under the Chairmanship of Dr. KV Raman held at NATP, ICAR, New Delhi on 26 October 2005.

- Inauguration of the “Krishi Vistar Sadan” building, Pusa Campus, New Delhi, of the Directorate of Extension, Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI by Shri Sharad Pawar, Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture, Government of India on 27 October 2005.
- Valedictory Function of the Consultation on “Ten Years after Beijing: Gender, Science & Technology” at National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi on 19 November 2005. The Chief Guest was HRH Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand and Awardee of 2005 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development. Dr. MS Swaminathan, President, NAAS & Chairman, National Commission on Farmers chaired the function.
- Meetings of the Editorial Committee of the Project entitled “Study Relating to Formulating Long Term Mechanization Strategy for each Agro-climatic Zone/State” at the Institute on 23-24 November 2005. The Chairman was Prof. BS Pathak, Director, SPRERI, Vallabh Vidyanagar.
- Lecture by Dr. Mangala Rai, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR on 05 December 2005 at IARI Auditorium, New Delhi. The topic of the lecture was “Agricultural Research and Education - Marching Ahead”. The Lecture was organized by ARS Scientists Forum.
- Discussions with Dr. Nienke Beintema, Head, Agriculture Science & Technology Indicators (ASTI) initiative, from IFPRI, Dr. PS BIRTHAL, National Fellow and Dr. P Adhiguru, Senior Scientist both from NCAP, at IASRI on 09 December 2005. The team visited the Institute to get further insight of the organization and about agricultural R&D.
- Launch ceremony of “BrightStor 11.5 - Data Storage Management Solutions” on 21 December 2005 at Hotel Hayat Regency, New Delhi. This was organized by C.A. Computer Associates India Pvt. Ltd.
- Discussions with Dr. Shashi K Gadia, Professor, Department of Computer Science, Iowa State University, USA and Dr. Navneet Goel, Professor, BITS, Pilani, who visited the Institute on 22 December 2005.
- Meeting regarding evaluation/continuation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Improvement of Agricultural Statistics under the Chairmanship of Economic & Statistical Advisor, Department of Agriculture & Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on 03 January 2006.
- Inaugural Function of ICAR Inter-Zonal Sports Meet at IARI, New Delhi on 10 January 2006. The Chief Guest of the Inaugural Function was Dr. CD Mayee, Chairman, ASRB.
- The 5th Meeting of the Task Force of the project “Study on Assessment of Survey Capabilities of Private Sector: World Bank assisted India Statistical Strengthening Project” under the Chairmanship of Dr. RC Panda, Addl. Secretary, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, GOI at Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi on 16 January 2006.
- Meeting regarding cotton project with Dr. SM Jharwal, Principal Advisor, Govt. of India at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on 18 January 2006.
- Two days meet on “Agricultural Transformation through Public-Private Partnership - An Interface” at NASC Complex, New Delhi on 19-20 January 2006. Shri Sharad Pawar, Hon’ble Union Minister for Agriculture, GOI was the Chief Guest. Dr. Mangala Rai, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR presided.
- The 6th Meeting of the Steering Committee for preparation of manuals on various statistical indicators/ statistics held at Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi on 23 January 2006.
- The 5th Meeting of High Level Co-ordination Committee of State in the Directorate of Economics and Statistics Bhubneswar on 28 January 2006.
- High Level Technical Co-ordination Committee Meeting in the Board of Revenue Office, Jaipur on 30 January 2006.
- Meeting concerning Presentation of Report of the “Study Relating to Formulating Long-Term Mechanization Strategies for each Agro-Climatic Zone/State” project chaired by Dr. Radha Singh,

Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on 06 February 2006.

- Meeting to consider setting up a centre with a view of research, training and development in the areas of genomic science and bio-informatics under the chairmanship of Dr. Prem Narain on 13 February 2006.
- Steering Committee Meeting for evaluating the project proposals under the chairmanship of Additional Director General, Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi on 14 February 2006.
- Interactive Discussion and Meeting on the "Feasibility of using Cost Study Data for Generation of Quick Estimates of Production of Principal Crops" under the Chairpersonship of Dr. Radha Singh Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture, GOI, at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on 15-16 February 2006.
- Meeting of Second Advisory Committee of "Development of India Protection Index" on 23 February 2006 at NCAER, New Delhi.
- Meeting of the Empowered Committee for Implementation of Awards and Fellowships for outstanding and meritorious research work in Statistics under the Chairmanship of Shri PS Rana, Secretary, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation, GOI at Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi on 27 February 2006.
- 37th Meeting of the Programme Advisory Committee on "Mathematical Sciences of DST" to review the progress of ongoing projects funded by DST at B.M. Birla Science and Technology Centre, Jaipur during 03-04 March 2006.
- Meeting at the Institute held on 08 March 2006 with the Non-responding Agencies under the

project Assessment of Survey Capabilities of the Private Sector. Director of the Institute chaired the meeting.

- Technical Advisory Committee Meeting for implementation of NAIS at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on 21 March 2006.
- Meeting with Dr. LP Gite, Project Coordinator, AICRP on ESA held at IASRI in which the future course of action relating to conduct of the Agricultural Accident Survey in three more States namely Arunachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and West Bengal by AICRP's newly created centres was discussed on 23 March 2006.
- Meeting of the Directors of Agricultural Engineering Division, under the Chairmanship of Dr. Nawab Ali, Dy. DG (Engg.), ICAR on Presentation of Documents prepared in support of ICAR document on "Food Prospects in India by 2011-12" at KAB-II, New Delhi on 24 March 2006. A presentation of the IASRI on "Increasing Food Production to 300 million tonnes by 2011-12" at the meeting was made.
- Mahindra & Mahindra, Farm Equipment Sector, Mumbai on 28 March, 2006, invited IASRI scientists for participating in a meeting with its officials on 04 April 2006 for preliminary discussion possibly leading to public private partnership.
- Release of Commemorative Potage Stamp on IARI by Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology, GOI on 30 March 2006 at IARI, New Delhi. Shri Sharad Pawar, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Food, Public Distribution & Consumer Affairs, GOI was the Chief Guest.