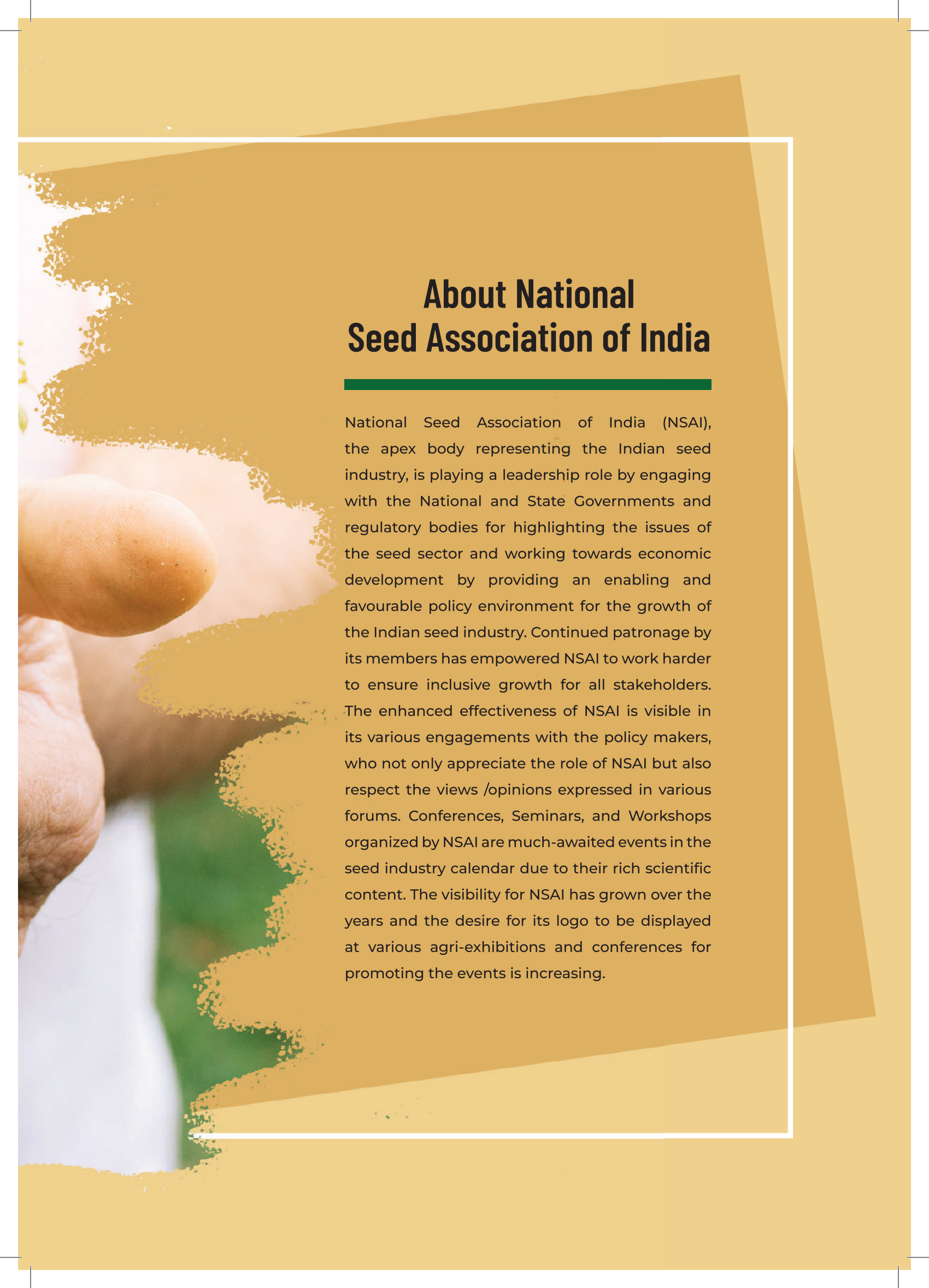


ANNUAL REPORT

2025-26







About National Seed Association of India

National Seed Association of India (NSAI), the apex body representing the Indian seed industry, is playing a leadership role by engaging with the National and State Governments and regulatory bodies for highlighting the issues of the seed sector and working towards economic development by providing an enabling and favourable policy environment for the growth of the Indian seed industry. Continued patronage by its members has empowered NSAI to work harder to ensure inclusive growth for all stakeholders. The enhanced effectiveness of NSAI is visible in its various engagements with the policy makers, who not only appreciate the role of NSAI but also respect the views /opinions expressed in various forums. Conferences, Seminars, and Workshops organized by NSAI are much-awaited events in the seed industry calendar due to their rich scientific content. The visibility for NSAI has grown over the years and the desire for its logo to be displayed at various agri-exhibitions and conferences for promoting the events is increasing.



OUR VISION

The vision of NSAI is to create a dynamic, innovative, internationally competitive, research-based industry producing high-performance, high-quality seeds and planting materials that benefit farmers and significantly contribute to the sustainable growth of Indian Agriculture. NSAI is also working towards progressive use of biotechnology in crop improvement programmes for productivity enhancement and improving the livelihood of Indian farmers. Increasing the general awareness about crop biotechnology among a large number of seed stakeholders, facilitating seed technology upgradation and engaging in a continuous dialogue with regulators for the establishment of a transparent, fair and equitable regulatory ecosystem are some of the other activities of NSAI.



OUR MISSION

The mission of NSAI is to encourage investment in state-of-the-art R&D to bring to the Indian farmers seeds of superior genetics and technologies, which are of high-performance value and can be adopted under different agro-climatic zones. It actively contributes to policy development relating to the seed industry to ensure that the policies and programmes create an enabling environment, including public acceptance, so that the industry is globally competitive.



OBJECTIVES

- To create a favourable policy environment for the seed industry
- To create better interaction & provide business opportunities among our stakeholders
- To hold meetings and interactions between the public & private sector to discuss common issues
- To facilitate and foster Public Private Partnership





NSAI's Achievements

NSAI has around 200 member companies spread across India. NSAI has been working towards addressing the major issues pertaining to its members through representations to concerned ministries and departments. Some of the issues on which it has made vigorous efforts are OECD seed scheme, Breeder Seed availability to private seed producers, enhancement of productivity of cotton, harmonization of seed licensing system in the country, awareness regarding spurious and unapproved Ht cotton seeds in the market, revalidation of seeds, pricing & GST, Income Tax relaxations for the seed industry, strengthening of seed testing infrastructure, IPR, enhancing and encouraging export of seeds, etc. It has also concentrated its efforts on bringing out quality publications from time to time in the form of Seed Times and NSAI Newsletter. NSAI's website has also played a significant role in its outreach to members. The website displays important Government notifications and representations made by NSAI to the Government and other information

about ongoing programmes and activities for the benefit of the members. Interaction of NSAI with the Government on continuous basis through various forums and meetings have been yielding positive results. The Secretariat is continuously working to enhance visibility of the association, while simultaneously making sustained efforts for brand building, emerging as a strong source of information exchange and enhanced engagement in social initiatives and programs. It has also marked its prominent presence on social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube. This has been possible due to the excellent support provided by NSAI members and the guidance of the Governing Council.



**Strong Representation
for Seed Industry**



**Advocacy & Awareness
for Growth**



**Collaboration &
Partnerships**



**Information, Outreach
& Engagement**

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Vice President



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Mr. Vaibhav Ravi Kashikar
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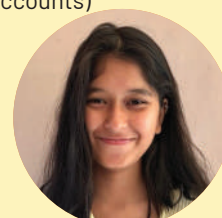
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Message from the Desk of the President

It gives me immense pleasure to present the Annual Report of NSAI for the year 2025–2026, which highlights the activities, initiatives, and efforts undertaken by the Association during the year. The annual report reflects NSAI's continued commitment to addressing the concerns of its members and taking up important issues affecting the seed industry with the appropriate authorities for their timely consideration and resolution.

During the year, NSAI continued to actively represent the interests of its members and the seed industry across various public and private sector forums. Through continued engagement with policymakers, regulatory authorities, and other stakeholders, NSAI strengthened its role as the apex representative body of the Indian seed industry, working towards safeguarding industry interests and fostering a supportive environment for the sustainable growth of the seed sector.

NSAI has been working continuously with the concerned Ministries/Departments to take forward the issues pertaining to its members through its representations from time to time and regular follow-up. Some of the important issues to mention are, revision of New Policy on Seed Development 1988, New Seed Bill 2025, Harmonization of Laws for Registration and Sale of Seeds, One Nation-One licence System, Seed Export and Imports, Strengthening Seed Industry under 'Atmanirbhar Krishi Udyog', Rule based Income Tax for Seed Companies, relief to seed industry on GST, Regulation of FDI in seeds, Bt cotton seed Pricing, Speedy approval of Ht trait in Cotton, Strengthening and audit/accreditation of Seed Testing Laboratories, IPR etc.

NSAI has further focused its efforts on bringing out quality publications from time to time. Publications like 'Seed Times', which covers articles by eminent experts on emerging theme areas related to the seed industry, and 'NSAI Newsletter', which comprises the latest developments in the seed sector within NSAI and outside, have become a regular source of information to all our members. NSAI's website has also played an important role in our outreach to the members. The website displays important Government notifications and representations made by NSAI to the Government, apart from various programmes and activities of NSAI, its publications and many related useful links. NSAI has been identified by the Government and other organizations as a representative of the seed industry on various forums & meetings.

The NSAI Secretariat has also been regularly working towards supporting the members with a strong technology and information backup through various seminars, workshops and conferences organised on emerging themes from time to time. It is also engaged in enhancing the visibility of the Association through various forums and social media platforms. NSAI has been getting excellent support of the members in all its initiatives.

I am confident that NSAI will continue to receive the same valuable support from its members in the years ahead as we work collectively to strengthen the seed industry, address emerging challenges, and accelerate its growth and development.

Best Wishes

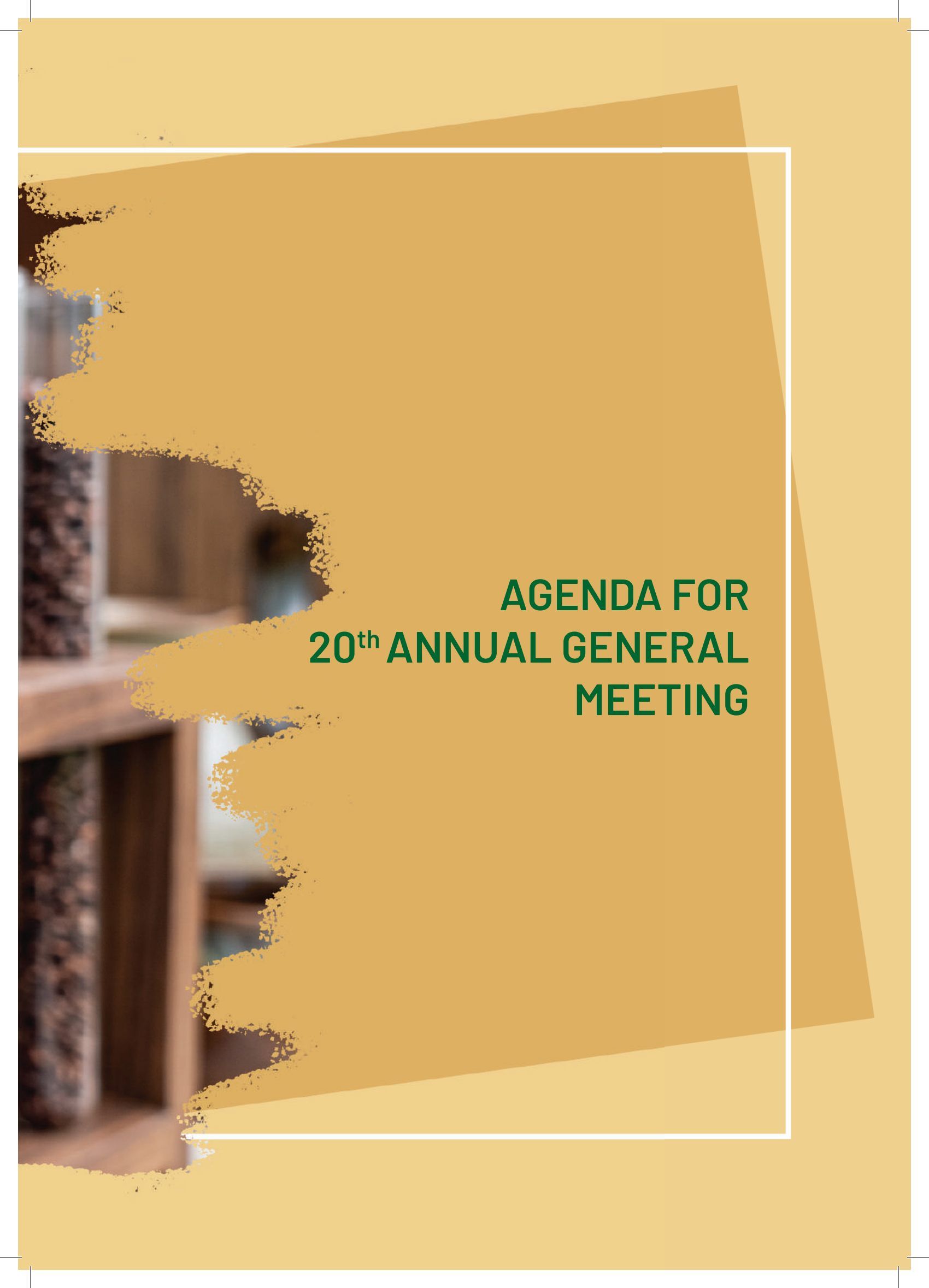
M. Prabhakar Rao
President



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AGENDA FOR 20th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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**Date: 11th September, 2026 , Time: 2:00 PM Onwards
Lecture Hall (Ground Floor), NAAS, NASC Complex, Pusa,
New Delhi-110012**

1. Welcome Address by the Advisor (Technical), NSAI
2. Highlights of Industry Issues by Dr. M. Prabhakar Rao, President, NSAI
3. Address by the Chief Guest
4. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 22nd August 2025
5. Presentation of the Annual Report for the Year 2025–26 by the General Secretary
6. Presentation of the Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report by the Treasurer
7. Approval of the Annual Budget for FY 2026–27
8. Appointment of the Auditor for FY 2026–27
9. Closing Remarks by the President, NSAI
10. Vote of Thanks by the Vice President, NSAI



**MINUTES OF THE
19th ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING OF NSAI**



MINUTES OF THE 19TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF NATIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION OF INDIA HELD ON 22ND AUGUST 2024

The 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the National Seed Association of India (NSAI) was held on 22nd August 2025, at the Lecture Hall, NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by **Dr. M Prabhakar Rao, President, NSAI.**

Quorum of the Meeting

Before the commencement of the AGM, the President enquired about the fulfilment of the quorum for the meeting. Executive Director, NSAI, mentioned that as per NSAI By-laws, the quorum requirement for AGM is 10% of the total ordinary members of NSAI. He further mentioned that as on date, NSAI has 332 members and 10% of them come to 33, while the total number of member companies present in the meeting was 41. Thus, the quorum for the AGM was complete.

Welcome address by Executive Director, NSAI

Dr. Y. R. Meena welcomed OB members, the GC members and all NSAI members who were present in the AGM and mentioned that their patronage for NSAI has been phenomenal, and their presence in the AGM has shown their solidarity for the growth and progress of the NSAI.

The 19th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the National Seed Association of India (NSAI) was held on 22nd August 2025, at the Lecture Hall, NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi. The meeting was presided over by Dr. M Prabhakar Rao, President, NSAI.

Highlights of Industry Issues by Dr. M. Prabhakar Rao, President, NSAI



Dr. M. Prabhakar Rao noted that the Indian seed industry, especially the private sector, has grown into one of the largest and most dynamic industries in the world, with a market value of over USD 5 billion.

Dr. M. Prabhakar Rao, President, welcomed all participants and expressed gratitude for their participation in the AGM. He highlighted the status of the Indian seed industry and major issues faced by it. The President noted that the Indian seed industry, especially the private sector, has grown into one of the largest and most dynamic industries in the world, with a market value of over USD 5 billion. Accounting for nearly 75–80% of total seed sales, the private sector has played a pivotal role in driving the country's agricultural progress through its robust research and development (R&D) network. The introduction of high-yielding, pest-resistant, and climate-resilient varieties, along with the adoption of cutting-edge technologies such as biotechnology, molecular breeding, and precision agriculture, is transforming the future of Indian agriculture.

The President informed the members that NSAI is working consistently on several important issues impacting the industry, like harmonization of seed licencing system in the country, Bt-Cotton seed price fixation, revision of the National Seed Policy in the Amritkaal, rule-based taxation system for seed sector, relief to the Seed Industry in GST on inputs/input services used in seed production, auditing and accreditation of seed testing laboratories, speedy approval of modern technologies, provision of seed subsidy for the private seed sector, amendment in Seed Testing Manual etc.

As regards Bt-Cotton seed price, Dr Rao further informed the members that NSAI had proposed for a correction in Bt-Cotton seed price for the year 2025-26, by increasing it to a minimum of Rs. 1000/- per packet to cover the cost increases over the last many years. However, in the notification dated 27.03.2025 under CSCPO, 2015, the government had only considered Rs. 901/- per packet, with a mere increase of Rs. 37 over the previous year. NSAI had also appealed against this to the MoA&FW.

The President expressed concern over the decline in cotton production and productivity in India. He emphasized that efforts are underway in collaboration with CICR and the Government to promote new technologies such as High Density Planting System (HDPS), Closer Spacing planting, ELS and colour cotton, mechanization, use of defoliation, and the development of high GOT and superior fibre quality hybrids/varieties with synchronous boll bearing, suited to the new agronomic processes. These measures are essential to enhance yields and ensure sustainable growth in cotton production and productivity.

Dr. Rao also highlighted the long-pending issue of the Herbicide Tolerant (HT) Bt trait in cotton, which has been under GEAC review for several years and was expected to be made available to breeders last year. Meanwhile, the rapid spread of illegal HT cotton seeds has created serious challenges posing risks to farmers, undermining regulatory and biosafety protocols, and violating the intellectual property rights of seed companies and trait developers. NSAI have strongly requested the MoA&FW and MoEF&CC to expedite the approval of HT-Bt to ensure timely access for breeders and to control the sale of spurious seeds within a robust regulatory framework.

He noted that the country had a GM crop policy for more than 30 years, ever since the Environment (Protection) Act 1986 was promulgated, and the undue delay in regulatory clearance of GM crops is undesired. GM crops already in the pipeline need early clearance. He informed to the members that NSAI has been following up with the concerned authorities for its speedy approval. So far only five GM traits have been approved in cotton, and a few others are now under testing. The successful implementation of a comprehensive GM crop policy in the country has been crucial.

Dr. Rao further informed the members that NSAI have submitted several representations to the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare regarding amendment in the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983 and NSAI is closely working with the Government of India on this to adopt a uniform seed licensing and regulatory framework across the country and also to implement a “one nation one license” system for multi-state seed companies. This has been under active consideration of the Government, and a decision was expected early.

He indicated that NSAI has also been following up with the Government for the formulation of a National Seed Policy during AmritKaal by regularly participating in their consultation meetings and providing its relevant inputs/suggestions. Dr Rao hoped that the National Seed Policy would facilitate a vibrant, progressive and developed seed industry in the country.

He informed that NSAI had submitted several representations to the MoAFW requesting to take up with the Finance Ministry for a favourable recommendation by the CBDT to exempt the income of seed companies under seed production-marketing activities from income tax in the same pattern as of Rubber and Coffee cultivation, following a rule-based taxation system. The proposal given by NSAI in this regard has been forwarded by the MoAFW with its positive recommendations to the MoF, and now the matter is pending with them. At its level, NSAI has also been following up on the matter with the Ministry of Finance.

The President also mentioned that GST on seed production inputs has been a concern. He noted that due to the pronouncement of certain advance rulings of GST on seeds during 2022, the GST council has decided to keep some of the inputs/input services in the production/processing/packing of seeds under GST, whereas, the “Seeds for sowing purpose’ have been classified under NIL-rated goods vide GST notification of 2017. The matter regarding Relief to Seed Industry on GST on inputs/input services used in seed production has been taken up by the NSAI with the MoA&FW and the GST Council Secretariat to remove this anomaly and provide GST relief on inputs/input services in seed production. It is under consideration at the level of the Ministry of Finance.

He underscored the importance of addressing concerns about the performance of Seed Testing Laboratories (STLs), emphasizing the need for regular audits and upgradation of their infrastructure and processes to ensure consistent and reliable results. He stressed the need for setting up a Central Monitoring Agency, which should adopt the ISTA methodology for cross-verifying seed samples. He further informed that NSAI has suggested to the Government that the private seed companies with fully equipped seed testing laboratories may be recognized by the Central/State Governments for seed certification purposes, as done by the Andhra Pradesh Government. NSAI have also suggested ISTA/NABL accreditation of all the STLs in the country.

Dr Rao mentioned that the previous scheme of the Government of India on “Assistance for Promotion of Seed Production in Private Sector” has been

instrumental in encouraging small and medium seed enterprises and has played a critical role in the development of the Indian seed sector. NSAI has requested to the DAFW to continue such schemes to strengthen the seed sector through subsidy support for setting up of seed processing, packing, testing and storage infrastructure by SME seed companies.

The President also raised the concern that several states are introducing their own amendments or supplementary provisions to the Seeds Act, even though the Seeds Act is a Central legislation. He informed that, through NSAI's efforts, issues related to state-level seed legislation in Haryana have been resolved. Regarding the restriction on the sale of TL seeds in Odisha, NSAI has consistently taken up the matter with state authorities. Now, plans are underway to initiate a joint action in collaboration with FSII to address this issue.

He also complimented the Government of India for putting in place a seed traceability system through the launch of the SATHI Portal. However, currently, the portal has not included the Truthfully Labelled varieties/hybrids, whereas these seeds cover nearly 70 % of the planted area in the country. With our continuous persuasion, a module for TL seeds has now been developed by DAFW and the same is under review. This matter was also discussed with the Joint Secretary (Seeds), who assured that industry concerns, including IPR protection and API protocols for seamless data transfer, will be duly addressed during the course of development of the module.

The President assured the members that the NSAI will continue to work closely with the Government and other concerned organizations relentlessly for adequately addressing important issues of the seed sector for their early resolution.

In the end, he expressed his sincere thanks to everyone for taking the time to attend the AGM and for contributing to the event's success.

Confirmation of the Minutes of the last AGM held on 11th September 2024

The General Body confirmed and approved the minutes of the 18th AGM held on 11th September 2024 in Delhi unanimously.

Presentation of the Annual Report 2024-25 by General Secretary, NSAI



He also highlighted the importance of “Seed Times” magazine, the triannual publication of NSAI, which is very popular amongst the seed fraternity and informed the members that NSAI has published three issues of “Seed Times” on the theme

The Annual Report 2024-2025 was presented by **Dr. B.B. Pattanaik, General Secretary, NSAI**. The General Secretary expressed his appreciation for the efforts made by NSAI in addressing the issues of the seed industry and putting them across to the concerned agencies, departments of Central and State Governments through its frequent communications, proactive participation in consultative meetings, organizing industry-centric workshops and participating in national/international events and flagging seed industry issues at these forums.

Dr Pattanaik further informed the members that during the period September 2023 to August 2024, the Governing Council met five times on **10th September 2024, 1st February 2025, 26th February 2025, 5th July 2025 and 9th August 2025**. In these meetings, the GC reviewed and deliberated on the progress of various activities of NSAI and approved the future plan of action. GC members also discussed about NSAI Statement of Accounts for FY 2024-25, Annual Budget for FY 2025-26, Appointment of Auditor for FY 2025-26 and proposed study visit to Taiwan, Argentina and Thailand to promote the Seed Trade and explore new areas of Seed Business in these countries.

He mentioned that the team NSAI is actively engaging with the seed industry for strengthening its membership base. Currently, NSAI has 332 active members,

comprising 304 renewals and 28 new members. He further informed that Zone-wise, the membership includes 37 in the East, 53 in the North, 97 in the South, and 145 in the West zone. As regards the new members, 3 are from the East, 7 from the North, 8 from the South, and 10 are from the West zone.

Dr Pattanaik further informed the General Body that NSAI prioritizes regular information exchange with the seed industry through various channels, including NSAI mailers, a members' WhatsApp group, and the monthly NSAI Newsletter.

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Dr. Pattanaik briefed the members that the NSAI website has been hosted as a useful resource for the seed industry, featuring sections like “**What's New at NSAI**,” “**Important Circulars and Representations**,” “**Important Notifications**,” and “**Latest News**” to keep members updated on industry developments, government notifications, and upcoming events.

The General Secretary mentioned that NSAI regularly updates its presence on social media platforms, including WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter (now X), Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube, by regularly sharing content on new developments and important information related to the seed industry.

He further informed to the members that NSAI has always been striving to create a favourable working environment to promote ease of doing business for the Indian seed industry. It has been taking up various regulatory issues related to the legislations like Seeds Act 1966, Seeds (Control) Order 1983, PPV& FR Act 2001, Biodiversity Act 2002 and Environment (Protection) Act 1986 etc., in various meetings chaired by Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister, Secretary Agriculture, and other distinguished personalities, organized by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and other organizations.

The General Secretary further added that the NSAI has also been flagging seed industry issues with the concerned authorities in the respective states to ensure an early resolution of the problems faced by the industry for the smooth conduct of their Seed business in that area.

Dr. Pattanaik also informed the members that the NSAI regularly participates in various seed-related conferences and seminars organized at state, zonal, national and international level and makes its interventions with a seed industry focus. Outcomes of these events are regularly shared with the members through various modes of communication. NSAI also organizes conferences, seminars and workshops on a regular basis for the benefit of the members.

He further informed to the members that NSAI organized a **Technical Session on “Emerging Issues in Seed Quality Regulation”** on 11th September 2024 in NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi, along with the 18th AGM of NSAI. The event, while providing an overview of the different aspects of quality seed systems, also addressed the emerging issues faced by the Indian seed industry, impacting its growth and development. The global event of NSAI, the **“Indian Seed Congress 2025”** was also organized during 23rd February-25th February, 2025 in Delhi, on the theme, **“Emerging Technologies - Propelling Seed Revolution”** which was attended by more than 400 delegates, including seed industry professionals from India and abroad, prominent scientists, agro-specialists and government officials.

The General Secretary further mentioned that international engagement of NSAI has also been growing over the years. In this endeavour, a team of **NSAI members and NSAI Secretariat** had a meeting on **8th October, 2024** with the **Argentina delegation from Bioceres Crop Solutions, represented by Mr. Martin Mariani Ventura, Global Licensing & Regulatory Manager, and Mr. Diego N. Marcos, Director of Asia Pacific Affairs** to discuss the proposed visit of Indian seed industry members to Argentina, opportunities for collaboration in technology transfer, trials, and product development and plans for further engagement to explore potential business partnerships. Also, A team of **NSAI members and NSAI Secretariat** had a meeting on 1st July, 2025 with **H.E. Mr. Kenneth F. H. Nobrega, Ambassador of Brazil to India**, and the **Agriculture Attaché of the Brazilian Embassy** towards strengthening bilateral cooperation in the seed sector, with a focus on collaborative research, technology exchange, study visit of Seed industry

delegation from both the countries and facilitating seed trade.

Dr Pattanaik informed the members that NSAI also participated in **Asian Seed Congress 2024** organized by the **Asia & Pacific Seed Alliance (APSA)** and the **China National Seed Trade Association (CNSTA)** in collaboration with the **Sanya Government and Yazhou Bay Science and Technology City (YZBSTC)** during **2nd-6th December, 2024 in Sanya, Hainan, China** and interacted with seed professionals of many countries present in the congress to explore further possibilities of mutual corporation on seeds.

He expressed his happiness that this year India has the honour to organize the **30th Asian Seed Congress 2025**, and NSAI is co-hosting this flagship event of Asia Pacific Seed Alliance (APSA) jointly with FSII, which will be held from 17-21 November 2025 at Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, India. He also extended a cordial invitation to the members for an active participation in the event.

Dr. Pattanaik also briefed the members that NSAI has been working closely with countries like Argentina and Thailand to organize study visits for Indian Seed Industry members to explore mutual collaboration in the area of seed development and marketing. The study visit of the NSAI seed industry delegation to Taiwan, led by Mr. Vaibhav Ravi Kashikar, Treasurer, NSAI, was conducted from 14th to 18th October, 2024. A team of seven members participated in the visit. The study visit was highly informative, enhancing mutual cooperation between the seed sectors of both countries and benefiting our members with Taiwan's advanced technologies, innovative practices in seed development and agriculture.

He also mentioned that the NSAI Secretariat has further strengthened by the joining of two new employees, i.e. **Dr. Aashima Batheja** as Research Associate and **Ms. Celeste Sarah Varghese** as Office Executive.

At the end, he thanked all the OB and GC members for extending their support for various activities of NSAI and also to all the NSAI members for participating in the 19th AGM to make it a successful event.

The General Body confirmed and approved the Annual Report of NSAI for the year 2024-25 unanimously.

Presentation of the Statement of Accounts and Auditors Report by Treasurer, NSAI



Mr Vaibhav Ravi Kashikar, Treasurer, presented the financial statements and Audit report of the National Seed Association of India for the year ended 31st March 2025.

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He highlighted that the detailed Auditor Report and the income and expenditure Statement had been made available in the Annual Report 2024-25. Total income of the Association during the year was **₹3,29,11,393**, as against **₹3,41,98,263** in the previous year. The total expenditure stood at **₹3,02,70,864**, compared to **₹3,33,22,085** in the previous year, resulting in an **excess of income over expenditure of ₹26,40,529**, as against **₹8,76,178** in the preceding year.

He further informed the members that this year, NSAI had successfully organized **the Indian Seed Congress (ISC) 2025 at Delhi**, which generated a **surplus of ₹35,78,922**.

The Highlights of the Budget for FY 2025-26 are as under:

Total Budgeted Revenue	Rs 2,11,54,000/-
The Total Budgeted Expenditure	Rs 1,86,05,000/-
Budgeted Surplus	Rs 25,49,000/-

The Treasurer also mentioned that in case of membership, this year NSAI has received a total **membership fee of ₹83,28,477** (Rupees Eighty-Three

Lakh Twenty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Seven only) as compared to **₹84,33,071** in the previous year.

The General Body accepted and approved the Statement of Accounts and Auditors' Report of NSAI for the year 2024-25 unanimously.

Mr. Kashikar concluded by thanking all NSAI members for paying their fee on time, emphasizing its importance for the successful operation of NSAI and expressed gratitude to the president and the Governing Council for the opportunity to serve as Treasurer. He conveyed confidence and hope that NSAI will reach new heights in the coming years.

Appointment of Auditor for FY 2025-26

The Treasurer sought approval of members in the AGM for the appointment of M/s S A K G & CO Chartered Accountants, B1/154, Lajpat Nagar-I, New Delhi, as the Statutory Auditor for NSAI for the 2025-26 at a remuneration of Rs 40,000 per annum. Mr. Ajeet Mulay proposed and Mr. C. Mithun Chand seconded the proposal. The General Body accepted and approved unanimously that M/s S A K G & Co., New Delhi, is appointed as Statutory Auditors of NSAI for the year 2025-26 at a remuneration of Rs 40,000 per annum.

Approval of the Annual Budget for FY 2025-26

The Treasurer further sought the approval of the General Body for the Budget of NSAI for the year 2025-26 based on the details presented during the AGM. Mr. Chunduri Rambabu proposed, and Mr. K. V. Somani seconded the proposal. The General Body unanimously accepted and approved the Annual Budget of NSAI for the FY 2025-26.

Felicitations of outgoing GC members by the President, NSAI

Dr. M. Prabhakar Rao informed to the members that the NSAI Governing Council has a tenure of 2 years but one member can continue for 4 years, so already 4 years have been completed by some of our members. NSAI gave farewell and facilitated the outgoing GC members during the AGM.

VOTE OF THANKS by the Vice President, NSAI



He expressed his sincere thanks to the Office Bearers and Governing Council members, who have been extending all their support and guidance to ensure the success of this event.

At the end, Mr. Dineshbhai Patel, Vice President, proposed the vote of thanks. On behalf of NSAI, the Vice President expressed his gratitude to the President of NSAI for his leadership and various initiatives taken for improvements in the working of the seed sector in India. He thanked the President for all his support.

He expressed his sincere thanks to the Office Bearers and Governing Council members, who have been extending all their support and guidance to ensure the success of this event.

The Vice President also thanked all the members and representatives of seed companies for their active participation in the event and for sharing their valuable experiences and perspectives. He mentioned that the platform of the AGM provided a valuable opportunity to discuss emerging issues in the seed industry and explore potential solutions and indicated that the suggestions and views shared by members will be instrumental in guiding our future steps.

Finally, he expressed his sincere appreciation to all the support of the team members who have made sincere efforts in making the event successful.

NSAI GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBER ELECTION 2025

Announcement of the Election Process by the Chairman, Election Committee.

Mr. Dineshbhai Patel, Chairman, Election Committee, informed the members that the election to the NSAI Governing Council is held every alternate year. This year, there were a total of 6 vacancies in the Ordinary category. The Governing Council constituted the Election Committee (EC) of three members, with him as the Chairman and Mr. K. Praveen Kumar and Mr. Siddhartha S Sen as members. The EC met at the NSAI Office and drew activity schedule, guidelines and proforma, forms, Proxy, etc. and invited nominations. Last date of submission of nomination was 8th August, 2025 and a total of 7 nominations were received. He informed to the GB that with the withdrawal of nomination by Dr B.B. Pattanaik, only 6 nominations remained against 6 vacancies of the GC members.

Announcement of the result by the Chairman, Election Committee

Mr. Dineshbhai Patel announced the result of NSAI Election 2025 with the permission of Mr. K. Praveen Kumar and Mr. Siddhartha S. Sen and declared the names of the candidates who have been elected unopposed.

Category: Ordinary		
S. No.	Name of Candidate	Name of Company
1.	Dr. M. Prabhakar Rao	Fortune Hybrid Seeds Ltd.
2.	Mr. Vaibhav Ravi Kashikar	Ankur Seeds Pvt. Ltd
3.	Mr. Ajeet Mulay	Green Gold Seeds Pvt. Ltd
4.	Dr. Gundavaram Pawan	Kaveri Seeds Company Ltd.
5.	Dr. Jai Singh	Prabhat Agri Biotech Ltd
6.	Mr. R. D. Patel	Mr. Ram Agro Tech

Welcome by the Chairman, Election Committee to the Newly Constituted Governing Council

Mr. Dineshbhai Patel congratulated the candidates of the ordinary category on getting elected unopposed and welcomed them to the newly constituted Governing Council.

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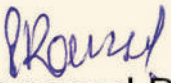


**RESOLUTIONS
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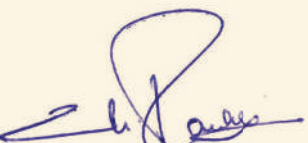
RESOLUTION PASSED IN AGM - 2024-25

Resolution No. NSAI/2025/1

The minutes of the meeting of the 18th Annual General Meeting held on 11th September, 2024 in New Delhi are confirmed and approved by the General Body unanimously.


Proposed By:
(Pawan Kumar Khandelwal)


Seconded By:
(C. Nithin Chand)


(Ch. Rambabu)

RESOLUTION PASSED IN AGM - 2024-25

RESOLUTION No. NSAI/2025/2

Resolved that the Annual Report for the year 2024-25 are accepted and approved by the General Body unanimously.

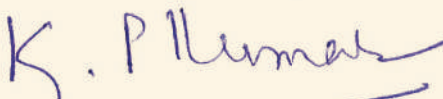
Proposed By: 
(Chairperson)

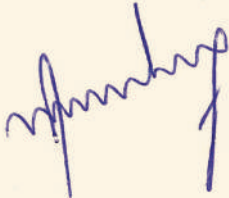
Seconded By: 

RESOLUTION PASSED IN AGM - 2024-25

RESOLUTION No. NSAI/2025/3

Resolved that the Statement of Accounts and Auditor's Report for the year 2024-25 has been accepted and approved by the General Body unanimously.

Proposed By: 

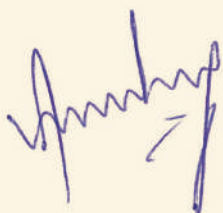
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RESOLUTION PASSED IN AGM - 2024-25

RESOLUTION No. NSAI/2025/4

Resolved unanimously that the M/s S A K G & Co., New Delhi be re-appointed as Statutory Auditors of NSAI for the year 2025-26 at a remuneration of Rs 40,000 per annum

Proposed By:



Seconded By:



RESOLUTION PASSED IN AGM - 2024-25

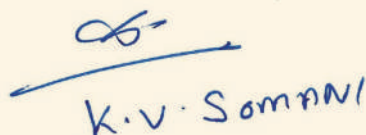
RESOLUTION No. NSAI/2025/5

Resolved that the Annual Budget for the FY 2025-26 has been accepted and approved by the General Body unanimously.

Proposed By:



Seconded By:



K.V. Somnani

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ANNUAL REPORT August 2025-August 2026

The National Seed Association of India (NSAI) received the steadfast support of its members and the Governments at both the Central and State levels, advocating on behalf of the Indian Seed Industry and spearheading a joint national agenda for agricultural development. Over the years, NSAI and its members have strongly believed that for Indian Agriculture to progress, the farmers of the country must also progress. The industry participation in the NSAI events, meetings and issue-based workshops has been very encouraging. Through a proactive and consistent involvement with policymakers for consultations on significant problems of paramount concern, the growing convergence of efforts could be observed. This has, in fact, established NSAI's leading position as a legitimate representative of the Indian Seed Industry.

I. MANAGEMENT

During the period August 2025 to August 2026, the Governing Council met five times, i.e., on **22th August 2025, 19th December 2025, 17th January 2026, 2nd May 2026 and 1st August 2026** as given below. The GC reviewed the progress of various activities and initiatives, and planned for future programs and discussed about the organization of Indian Seed Congress-2026, Annual Budget FY 2026-27, Social Media Campaign on seed-related issues, Study Visit and other issues of common interest.

S. No.	GC Member	88 th GC Meeting held on 22nd August, 2025 at NAAS, NASC New Delhi	89 th GC Meeting held on 19th December, 2025 at NSAI Secretariat (Hybrid Mode), New Delhi	90 th GC Meeting held on 17th January, 2026 at NSAI Secretariat (Hybrid Mode), New Delhi	91 st GC Meeting held on 2nd May, 2026 at (Virtual Mode)	92 nd GC Meeting held on 1st August, 2026, NSL Office, Hyderabad (Hybrid Mode)
1	Dr. M. Prabhakar Rao	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
2	Mr. Dineshbhai Patel	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
3	Dr. Jai Singh	Absent	Absent	Present	Leave of Absence Granted	Present
4	Mr. Vaibhav R Kashikar	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present
5	Mr. Chunduri Rambabu	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
6	Mr. K Praveen Kumar	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
7	Mr. Siddhartha S Sen	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent
8	Mr. Pawan Kumar Kansal	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present
9	Dr. Kirtan Y Patel	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present
10	Dr. B. B. Pattanaik	Present	Present	Present	Present	Leave of Absence Granted
11	Mr. Ajeet Mulay	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
12	Mr. U Saravanan	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
13	Mr. M Ravi Kumar	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present
14	Dr. Gundavaram Pawan	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present
15	Mr. R D Patel	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present

II. MEMBERSHIP

So far, NSAI had a total of 198 members, with 179 renewals and 19 new members. The category-wise membership details are given below.

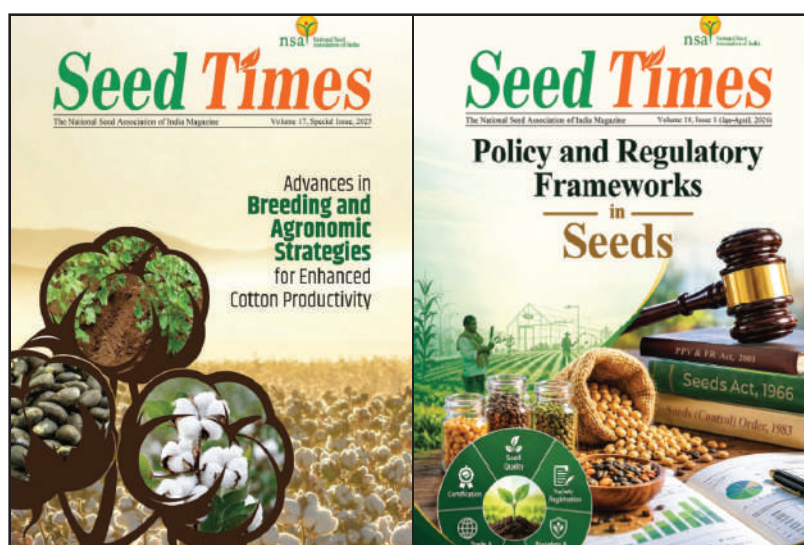
Category	Renewed Members	New Members	Total
Associate member	14	1	15
Association member	4	-	4
Ordinary member	161	18	179
Public Sector	-	-	-
Total	179	19	198

III. COMMUNICATIONS

i. Seed Times

NSAI publishes its widely acclaimed triannual magazine, **“Seed Times,”** a leading publication of the seed industry. The magazine features **scientific research papers, technical and review articles, and informative content covering various aspects of the seed sector**, providing valuable knowledge and insights to seed industry stakeholders.

During the period, NSAI published 2 issues of Seed Times on the theme **“Advances in Breeding and Agronomic Strategies for Enhanced Cotton Productivity”**, Special Issue, 2025 and **“Policy and Regulatory Frameworks in Seeds”** for the period of January-April 2026.



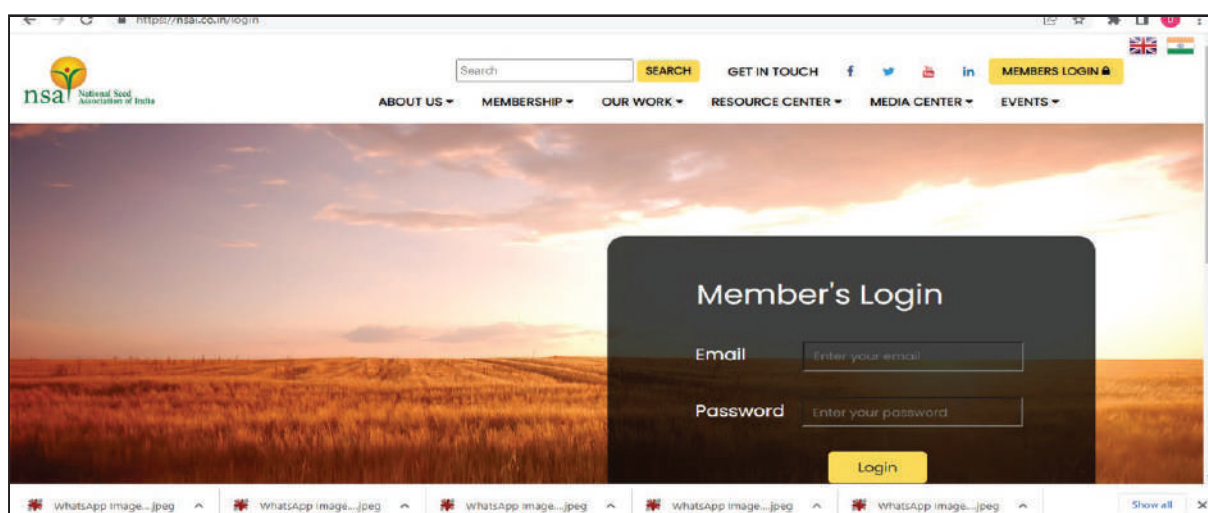
ii. NSAI Newsletter- Seed News

NSAI's monthly Mailer 'NSAI Newsletter' is an important medium for communicating industry news with the members. The newsletter is now brought out regularly, reaching out to members with new updates and activities of NSAI apart from the latest news on the seed sector.

iii. NSAI Website

The NSAI website has been developed as an important information source for the members. The **“What's New at NSAI”** section updates members on recent industry advancements, workshops, and conferences. The website features a

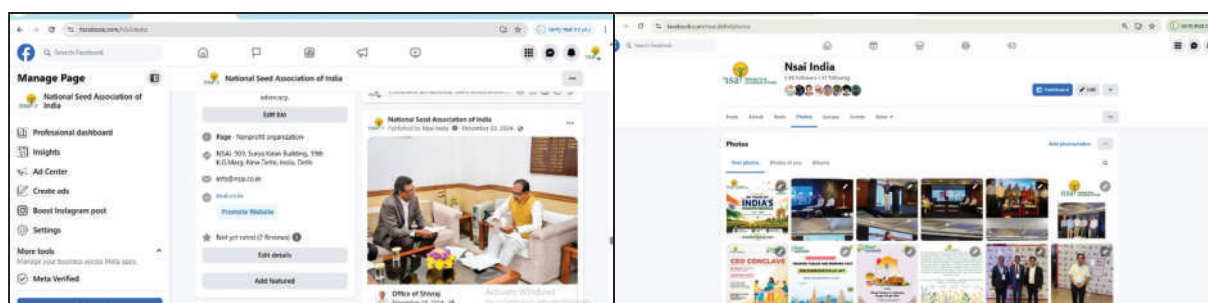
section titled **“Important Circulars and Representations,”** under which each department’s subcategories of important notifications and circulars are uploaded for the convenience of the members. Important notifications from the government can be located in the section titled **“Important Notifications.”** The **“Latest News”** section provides members with information on recent developments in the Indian agriculture and seed industry sector. NSAI is now planning to develop a new website equipped with the latest features to enhance user-friendliness, efficiency, ease of navigation, and overall website management.



iv. NSAI on Social Media

In order to strengthen engagement with its members and facilitate the dissemination of useful and relevant information, NSAI continues to actively maintain its presence across major social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X (formerly Twitter), and YouTube. NSAI regularly shares awareness posts on seeds, knowledge transfer, industry developments, and other relevant topics through its official social media channels. These posts are also shared with member companies for wider circulation, thereby enhancing outreach, awareness, and visibility across the seed industry.

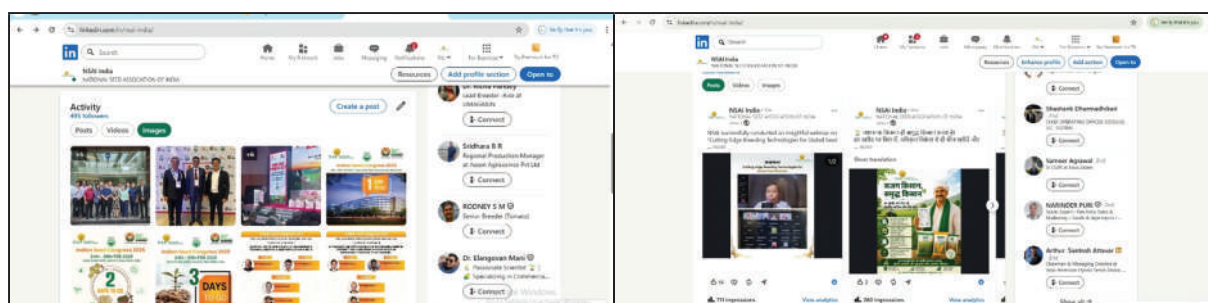
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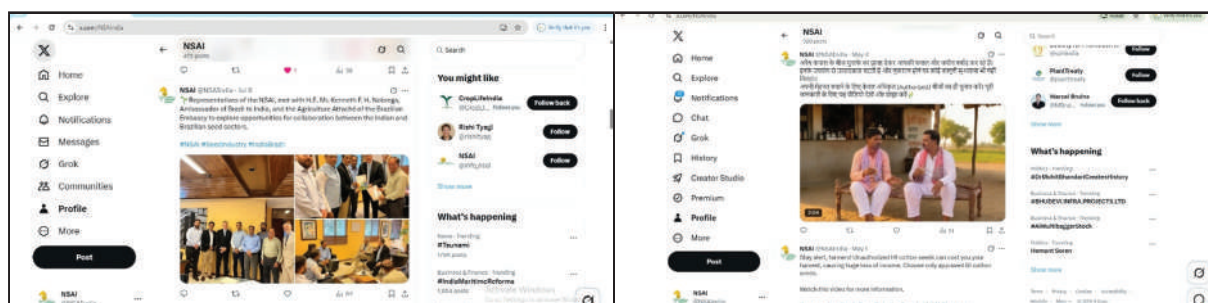
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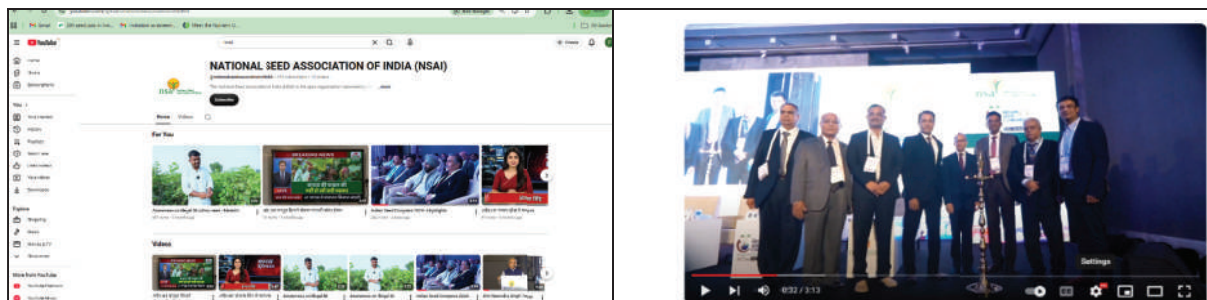
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X-Platform



Youtube



Some important social media post Links are given below-

Bt-Cotton Awareness Posts

a. Awareness post - जागरूक किसान ही समृद्ध किसान बनता है!

Link-

https://www.instagram.com/p/DYwww4Ck-iS/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link
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b. Awareness post on HTBT Cotton Hindi-

Link-

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c. Unauthorized Ht cotton seeds awareness' reel

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d. HTBT Cotton awareness post

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e. HTBT cotton awareness post

English-

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f. Post on awareness – Illegal HT Bt Cotton sale

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g. Strengthening Cotton Farming: Containing Unapproved Bt/Ht Traits & Enabling Fast-Track Approvals

Link-

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Seed Industry Issues Post

a. Challenges faced by Seed Industry

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b. Challenges with existing Seed (Control) Order 1983, and suggested initiatives by NSAI.

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c. Addressing Key Issues in GM Cotton

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d. Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, 2001 (PPVFRA) confers rights to the farmers on plant varieties.

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Educational/Knowledge Transfer Post

a. Webinar on Cutting-Edge Breeding Technologies for Global Seed Markets

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b. Mr. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, chaired a consultative meeting on cotton productivity at the ICAR–Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore, on July 11, 2025.

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c. NSAI successfully organized technical session on “Harmonization of laws relating to seed sector” at NASC complex, Pusa New Delhi, participated by seed sector professionals, researchers and policy makers.

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d. Contribution of Seed Industry to Indian Agriculture

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e. National Seminar on Cotton Productivity & Value Chain Transformation organized by ICFA and supported by NSAI, held on 22nd July 2025 at India International Centre, New Delhi.

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f. National Conference on Quality Agri Inputs organised by the Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture on 5th September, 2025 in the Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre, Lodi Road, New Delhi.

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Post related to Foreign/Embassy meetings

a. Meeting with H.E. Ambassador of the Argentina Republic

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b. Visit of Federal Services for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision (FSVPS) To Indian Seed Companies

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c. NSAI meet with Brazilian Embassy

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Other Posts

a. Seed Industry Extends Support to Farmers Affected by Heavy Rains and Floods in Maharashtra.

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v. NSAI Mailer

NSAI circulates all the important circulars received from the Ministry of Agriculture and other related departments of the State and Central Governments to its members via email. NSAI has a dedicated email address **“info@nsai.co.in”** for communicating with the members about recent developments in the industry and other vital/relevant information for the industry.

IV. SEED INDUSTRY ISSUES

During the year, NSAI has worked tirelessly to bring vital issues that are important to NSAI members to the attention of the State and Central governments. The following were the main issues addressed by NSAI during the year:

i. Seed Law Enforcement and Harmonization of Laws for Registration and Sale of Seeds

The Seeds Act, 1966 (Act 54 of 1966) provides for regulating the quality of various seeds for sale and other related matters. Further, the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983 has been essentially brought under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (Act No. 10 of 1955) to regulate the trading activity in seed as well as its quality, sold for agricultural purposes. Under the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983, all seed manufacturers and dealers are required to obtain a license for marketing the seeds. Most of the States are also adding the details of varieties/hybrids to be marketed in the seed license. While this is not laid down under the Seeds (Control) Order / Seeds Act, the Members of the Association are cooperating with the licensing authorities by submitting the necessary information. Moreover, different States are coming up with different requirements with reference to the performance evaluation data of the varieties included in the seed license. Some States are insisting on the data from the State Agriculture Universities (SAUs) while others are allowing it based on an affidavit from the seed company, which includes the evaluation done in their own R&D farms. NSAI has suggested for communication of uniform guidelines

wherein an affidavit from the applicant giving the morphological characters and the performance evaluation data as per their own R&D trials may be made adequate for all the States.

Some States, such as Odisha, have imposed restrictions on the sale of TL (Truthfully Labelled) seeds, despite there being no difference in the prescribed quality standards between Certified and TL seeds. In this regard, a delegation from the National Seed Association of India (NSAI) met Mr. Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Government of Odisha, on April 7, 2026, at the Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar.

NSAI requested the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister to permit private seed companies to sell TL seeds in the State, with a view to improving the availability of quality seeds and enhancing the Seed Replacement Rate (SRR) and Variety Replacement Rate (VRR). The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister assured the delegation that the issues raised by NSAI would be discussed in detail with the concerned officials. NSAI had subsequent follow-up meeting with the Secretary (Agriculture) and other senior officers of the state. It is hoped that a positive decision may be taken by the state government on these emerging issues.

ii. Revision of “New Policy on Seed Development 1988”

The Seed Policy of 1988 was formulated to boost the availability of seeds to farmers and increase domestic and global trade of Indian Seeds. Many elite varieties have been developed within India since then. However, India's share in the global seed market has not increased much and is hovering around 1% of international trade. There is a need to revisit the Seed Policy 1988 to facilitate the desired growth of the Seed industry to make available the best seed /planting materials to Indian farmers and at the same time to achieve **“Atmanirbhar Krishi Udyog” through “Atmanirbhar Beej Udyog”** (self-reliant seed industry).

iii. New Seed Bill, 2025

The Seeds Bill, 2025, drafted by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, seeks to replace the Seeds Act, 1966 and the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983 with a modern framework for regulating seed quality, production, sale, import, and distribution in India. It aims to ensure access to quality seeds, curb spurious seeds, and improve traceability and transparency in the seed supply chain.

Key provisions of this Bill include mandatory registration of seed varieties and stakeholders, registration of plant nurseries, compulsory labelling of seed

performance, QR-code based traceability via the SATHI portal, and regulation of seed prices. The Bill also protects farmers' rights to save, use, exchange, and sell farm-saved seeds, subject to specified conditions. It introduces a graded penalty system for violations while decriminalising minor offences to promote ease of doing business. The draft was released for public consultation as part of broader seed sector reforms.

In this regards NSAI organized an online consultation with private seed industry stakeholders on November 26, 2025, to discuss the Seeds Bill, 2025 and suggest improvements in the interests of both the industry and farmers. The meeting highlighted the Bill's potential to modernize the seed regulatory framework by replacing the Seeds Act, 1966 and Seeds (Control) Order, 1983. Key suggestions included strengthening the definitions and provisions related to seed processing and exports, clearer provisions for spurious seeds, upgrading Seed Testing Laboratories, addressing challenges related to QR-code traceability and the SATHI Portal, providing suitable exemptions for small nurseries, and rationalizing the proposed penalties. Members also recommended greater involvement of capable private organizations in seed certification. Following consultations with member companies and State Seed Associations, NSAI consolidated their suggestions and submitted the same to the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DAFW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), to safeguard and promote the interests of the seed industry.

iv. Bt-Cotton Seed Price

NSAI has consistently requested an enhancement of the seed value component of the MSP of cotton seeds, considering the rising costs of production, processing, testing, and marketing of cotton seeds, as well as the research and development of new cotton varieties. The increases in past are inadequate to meet the increasing cost of production, and seed companies are not able to produce cotton seeds to meet the increasing demand for cotton seeds, considering the need for HDP and other trends in cotton cultivation.

For 2026–27, NSAI requested that the seed value be fixed at a minimum of Rs. 1,075/- to account for the increase in input and production costs over the past few years. This revision represents a modest and reasonable correction aligned with historical cost escalation and is essential to sustain R&D investments, ensure adequate seed availability, and promote adoption of HDP for enhancing national cotton productivity.

However, the notification dated 23.04.2026 issued under the CSCPO, 2015, has considered the seed value at only Rs. 901/-, as prescribed by the MoA&FW vide Notification No. 1472(E) dated 27.03.2025.

v. Income Tax Rule regarding income generated by a Seed Company

As per the Rule-based taxation system, only a portion of income, which is treated as business income, is taxable as per the general assessment of the overall operations of the seed industry, and the balance amount, which falls under agricultural operations, is not taxable.

NSAI has requested DAFW to recommend to the Finance Ministry to bring out a taxation policy for Seed Industry, similar to the “Rule-based taxation” system, prevalent in the Tea, Rubber and Coffee Industry. Several representations have been made to the DAFW on 26.06.2015, 03.02.2016, 29.12.2016, 22.08.2017 and 21.04.2020, 30.05.2024 for a favorable recommendation to the Chairman, CBDT to exempt income of seed companies for seed production-marketing activities from income tax in the same pattern as in the case of Rubber and Coffee cultivation.

NSAI delegation led by Dr M Prabhakar Rao, President, NSAI also had a meeting with Mr. Ravi Agrawal, Chairman, CBDT on November 22nd November, 2024 on this subject, wherein the President submitted a detailed justification to the Chairman, CBDT and other officers of Finance Ministry on adoption of a Rule- based taxation system on seeds, and the Chairman assured to positively look into the pending issue.

vi. Relief to the Seed Industry in GST on Inputs/Input Services in Seed Production

The “Seeds for sowing purpose’ have been classified under NIL-rated goods (GST chapter 1209_Seed, fruits and spores of a kind used for sowing) vide Notification No. 02/2017- Central Tax (Rate) dated 20 June 2017. However, due to the pronouncement of certain advance rulings of GST on seeds during 2022, the GST Council has taken a position that till packing, these are classified as seed for sowing purposes. It is further mentioned that all the services rendered for processing, transporting storing, testing packing etc., were also exempt since the seeds are exempted; however, such advance rulings have been creating confusion and causing even the levy of GST on services which are the parts of the process for production seeds for sowing, resulting to higher cost of quality seeds to farmers. The matter has been taken up by the NSAI with the MoAFW and the GST Council Secretariat to remove this anomaly and approve zero rating for the “Seeds for sowing purpose”. This change would also

enhance seed traceability, aligning with the Government's initiatives to prevent the supply of spurious seeds.

vii. Supporting the R&D in the Private Sector

Collaborative research needs to be encouraged in variety development by SME seed companies and ICAR to be funded by the Government of India. The Government should engage with and provide assistance to the Indian seed sector for higher investment in R&D. By doing this, the Government will give stimulus to the seed sector and increase the availability of quality seeds to farmers. This would also facilitate ease of doing business, even for small and medium-sized companies.

viii. New Technology Adoption: Besides Bt cotton technology, other modern technologies like High Density Planting System (HDPS), synchronized mechanization, color cotton, Kasturi cotton & high GOT & fibre quality hybrids/varieties suited for mechanical harvesting, etc., are the need of the hour for increasing production and productivity of cotton crop. For spreading these new technologies to the farmers, sufficient funds are required to be invested by cotton seed companies.

ix. Approval of Herbicide Tolerant (HT) Trait in Cotton

The exponential spread of illegal herbicide-tolerant (HT) cotton seeds across the country is alarming. This not only endangers farmers' livelihoods but also undermines the regulatory framework and biosafety protocols established by the Government of India under the Rules, 1989. The illegal production and sale of these seeds are jeopardizing the intellectual property rights of seed companies over their hybrids and parental lines, as well as infringing upon the rights of the trait developer.

It is estimated that the spread of these illegal seeds has more than doubled compared to the previous year.

These unapproved HT trait seeds, which are sold without any regulatory oversight, quality assurance, or agronomic guidance, are being adopted by farmers out of sheer necessity to manage their escalating weed problems and labour shortages. There are effective herbicides for crops such as soybean, Rice, Maize, Wheat, etc., whereas in cotton, the available herbicides are not so effective. However, the use of such illegal seeds leads to inconsistent results in the field, increased crop failures, and significant economic losses for farmers. Moreover, they bypass the robust biosafety protocols that the Government of India has painstakingly built over decades. The presence of unregulated genetic materials in the seed market also brings legal,

biosafety, and environmental complications that are difficult to trace and control. NSAI requested the Government of India to approve the official release of the HT trait in cotton, which has already demonstrated proven benefits globally. NSAI-FSII delegation also called on Hon'ble Agriculture Minister (22nd July, 2025) and Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (31st July, 2025) and requested them to expedite the approvals. Both Ministers gave a positive response and assured to look into the matter for an early decision on the long-pending issue. NSAI has also actively disseminated information on **HT Bt Cotton** through its official social media platforms, including X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram. The posts have highlighted the industry's perspective on HT Bt Cotton and tagged the concerned Ministries and Government Departments to enhance outreach and engagement. The content has also been shared with member companies for wider circulation and greater visibility across the seed industry.

x. Seed Exports & Imports

a. Export of seeds doesn't involve the import of any inputs. This results in only the inward flow of valuable foreign funds. Paradoxically, the Foreign Trade Policy 2015 -2020 has totally ignored this potential of the seed industry for export earnings. NSAI has also urged DA&FW to provide adequate incentives for the export of seeds to enable India to become a large exporter of seeds in the world trade. Special Economic Zones may be identified for seed production, targeting the setting up of an export hub of seeds in different States. Creation of the **Indian Seed Export Promotion Council** by the DA&FW with active support of NSAI and promotion of Indian seed in all the countries through its efforts will offer a great opportunity for India to enhance Indian seed farmers' income, creation of rural employment and at the same time India will emerge playing a strategically important role in global agriculture.

b. Imported seed varieties for trial evaluation by ICAR: NSAI has proposed changes in the Seed import policy to the extent that if the seed is found to be of superior quality to the existing variety, an eligible importer may be allowed to import in bulk for two years. Subsequent permission for import may be granted after reviewing the progress made by the importer and the evaluation of the performance of the variety by ICAR

xi. Uniform pattern of Seed Subsidy for both Public and Private Sector

There is variation in implementing the distribution of subsidies on the production and sale of certified seeds in different States. The private sector is generally kept

away from availing it. This creates a big problem for small and medium-sized seed companies to sell certified seeds due to price differences. The private sector accounts for about 60-65 % share of such seeds. The Government of India has been requested to instruct the State Department of Agriculture to uniformly distribute subsidies to companies of both the Public and Private Sectors.

xii. Auditing of Seed Testing Laboratories

The performance of the Seed Testing Laboratories needs to be audited so that they are able to provide consistent and reliable results. It would be a better approach to create a supervisory body appointed at the Central level to monitor the skills and training of the staff operating a notified seed-testing laboratory, apart from its seed testing infrastructure. There is a need to train them on a continuous basis and fund them to equip the labs with the required equipment. Periodic inspections may be conducted to monitor the operations of the laboratories to make them perform better. The International Seed Testing Association methodology of cross-verifying the seed samples needs to be followed by the Central Monitoring Agency.

xiii. Recognition of Private Seed Companies' Seed Testing Lab:

Seed Testing Laboratories of private seed companies having all the essential infrastructure should be recognized by States or the Central Government, as done by the AP Govt, which has already recognized some seed testing laboratories of the private sector. The DAFW should notify accreditation guidelines for all Seed Testing Laboratories. Already, nine out of eleven seed laboratories accredited by ISTA in India, which follow the best practices in seed testing and quality assurance, belong to the private sector. India needs a collaborative model for ascertaining Seed quality, including the use of molecular tools such as DNA fingerprinting, which can be achieved through the setting of standard accreditation guidelines and accreditation of Seed Testing Laboratories in the private and public sectors by the Government.

xiv. Implementation of Seed Traceability through “Sathi Portal” for all seeds, including truthfully labelled seeds

Currently, the Seed traceability system is limited only to certified seeds, which do not cover seeds of hybrids or varieties, which are all truthfully labelled and are more important for the farmers as they cover 70 % of the planted area in the country. Therefore, seed traceability must be extended to all seeds. NSAI delegation, along with FSII members, had detailed discussions with the Joint Secretary (Seeds) on

this issue, and it was assured that the IPR of the members joining the SATHI portal would be safeguarded and work on API protocols to transfer the data from the digital platform of the seed companies to the Portal. There was also a positive response to integrating the QR-based information on POPs developed by the companies with the portal. To understand the functioning and implementation of the SATHI Portal, NSAI conducted workshops for stakeholders from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal, and their neighbouring States.

xv. Capacity Creation:

Capacity creation in Seed Testing Laboratories for testing all quality parameters, such as physical parameters, germination, and genetic purity, needs to be encouraged by capacity building programmes launched by the Central/States Governments, primarily for the benefit of SME seed companies and also the Seed Testing Laboratories established by FPOs/NGOs/ Societies/Associations. This would help the SME sector and even the farmers for testing the seed easily and thereby enhancing seed quality in the country. Laboratories operated by non-industry players like FPOs/NGOs/Societies/Associations may provide more objective Seed testing services for the industry without any conflict of interest. However, these laboratories would need to be monitored by a Central Agency. The entire program can be subsidized by the Government to the required extent. The cost may be minimal compared to the advantages it can offer.

xvi. Regulation of FDI.

While companies from all over the world are allowed to operate in the seed industry in India, Indian Seed Companies don't have the same opportunities to set up their subsidiaries in several countries like China, Indonesia, Thailand, etc. As a result, India's biodiversity is freely going out of the country while India does not get the plant genetic resources from these countries, which are also rich in natural biodiversity. While India can accept FDI in R&D only for seed production and distribution, the foreign seed industry should be allowed FDI up to 49% only, like in China, Indonesia, etc. This would allow not only the development of Indian Seed companies but also encourage the **Make in India** campaign to be a successful venture.

xvii. Agriculture Economic Zones (AEZ) under 'MAKE IN INDIA' Scheme

India's agro-climatic zones provide an opportunity for Indian farmers and the seed industry to be the leaders in seed production and become the seed hub for the world. India can exponentially increase its GDP and bring prosperity to rural India

by sharing its superior varieties with other countries. The whole continent of Africa, along with the ASEAN and SAARC countries, offer a huge market for Indian seeds. India can increase its share by creating Agriculture Economic Zones along the lines of SEZs. This would be under the 'Make in India' scheme so that private seed companies and public sector seed agencies get tax benefits and also engage in R&D activities. This will also ensure that the target of doubling farmers' incomes is achieved.

V. NSAI MEETINGS/REPRESENTATIONS

1. Meetings participated by NSAI

i. NSAI Participates in the National Conference on Quality Agri Inputs organized by ICFA in New Delhi on September 5, 2025

Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), participated in the National Conference on Quality Agri Inputs organized by the Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture on September 5, 2025 at the Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre, Lodi Road, New Delhi. He served as the Moderator for Session III, titled "Technology and Traceability to Ensure Quality Inputs," which featured esteemed panelists including Mr. Raghavan Sampath Kumar (Executive Director, FSII), Dr. Nutan Kaushik (Director General, Amity University), Mr. Durgesh Chandra Sharma (Secretary General, CropLife India), and Mr. Archit Karnawat (Director of Quality Control and Production, Gentex Agri Inputs Pvt. Ltd.).

In his opening remarks, Dr. Tripathi emphasized the need to modernize input quality testing laboratories by adopting advanced technologies for accurate assessments. He also highlighted the importance of equipping farmers with simple tools to check input quality at their level and pointed out that delays in the approval of new products like HT cotton have led to the spread of spurious seeds in the market.

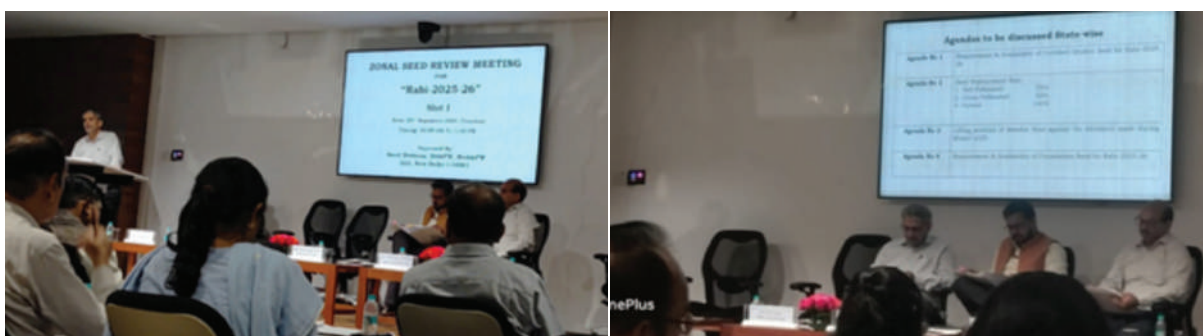
Concluding the session, he underlined the need for large-scale farmer awareness on the importance of quality agri inputs and urged the industry to adopt self regulation through Ethics Committees and a star-rating system to recognize responsible players. He also stressed the usefulness of traceability systems like the SATHI Portal and called for harmonized policy reforms to allow for the continuous adoption of new technologies in enforcement and quality assurance systems.



ii. Zonal Seeds Review Meet 2025-26: Strategizing for a Productive Rabi Season held on September 23, 2025

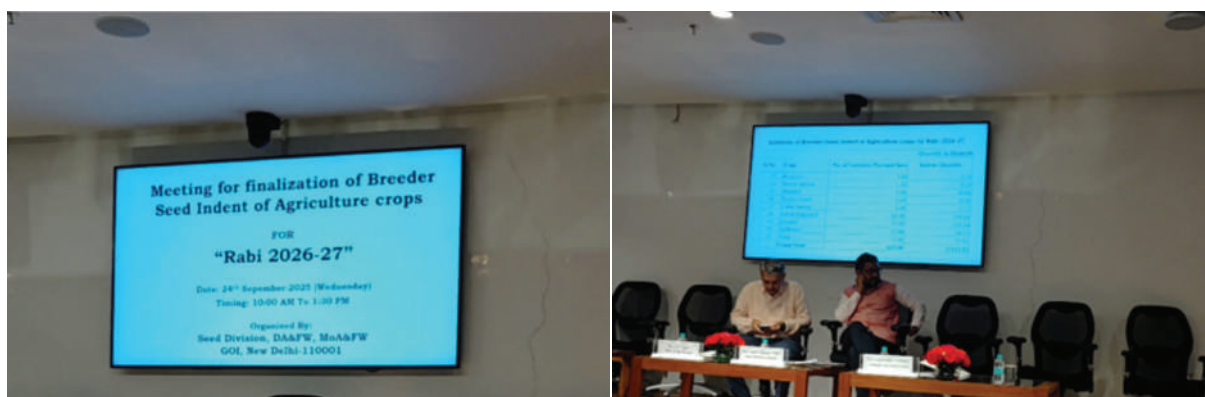
The Seed Division of the Ministry of Agriculture organized the Zonal Seeds Review Meeting for Rabi 2025-26 on September 23, 2025. The meeting was held at the Aakash Training Room, C. Subramaniam Auditorium, NAS Complex, New Delhi. From NSAI, Dr. Pramod Sharma, Assistant Director and Dr. Aashima Batheja, Research Associate, attended the meeting. The review meet, which was chaired by Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary (Seeds), brought together representatives from the Agriculture Department of all states to review and discuss seed-related strategies and preparations for the upcoming Rabi season.

The meeting focused on key issues of different states, including the requirement and availability of foundation and certified/quality seeds, distribution planning, and seed production targets. Discussions covered the conversion process from breeder seed to foundation and certified seed, achievement of Seed Replacement Rates (SRR), and challenges faced by states and agencies in lifting breeder seeds. Additionally, the deliberations included reviewing the status of data uploading on the Seed Law Enforcement portal, addressing concerns related to the SATHI portal, and ongoing seed sector reforms.



iii. Agriculture Ministry Finalizes Breeder Seed Indent for Rabi 2026–27 Crops

A meeting on Finalization of Breeder Seed Indent for Agricultural, Vegetable, Seed Spice, Bulb, and Tuber Crops for the Rabi 2026–27 season was held on September 24, 2025, at NAS Complex, New Delhi. The meeting was convened under the chairmanship of the Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, and brought together representatives from various sectors to finalize breeder seed requirements for the upcoming Rabi season. The exercise aimed to ensure timely planning and coordinated seed production across crops critical to India's agricultural output. Dr. Pramod Sharma, Assistant Director and Dr. Aashima Batheja, Research Associate represented NSAI. During the discussion, each crop indent was reviewed critically with the concern state and agencies and were advised to incorporate suggestions provided by the Seed division in the indent of Rabi 2026-27. The Seed Division directed all nodal agencies to revise their indents by incorporating newly released varieties and replacing older ones on a zone-wise basis. Additionally, it was emphasized that the quantity of breeder seed is insufficient for some crops, and there is a need to enhance its production to meet the demand.



iv. NSAI Participates in the Hyderabad Seed Conclave Celebrating 30 Years of Seedsmen Association

Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Deputy Director (Technical), National Seed Association of India (NSAI), participated in the Hyderabad Seed Conclave and the 30th Annual General Meeting of the Seedsmen Association, held on September 25, 2025 at Hotel Daspalla, Hyderabad. The event marked a significant milestone, commemorating three decades of the Seedsmen Association's contribution to the Indian seed industry.

The inaugural session was attended by esteemed dignitaries, Sri Tummala Nageswara Rao, Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation, Handlooms & Textiles,

who presided as the Chief Guest, and Sri Nalamada Uttam Kumar Reddy, Hon'ble Minister for Irrigation & CAD; Food & Civil Supplies, Telangana as Guest of Honor. Dr. Pandey represented NSAI at the event, which served as a vital platform for discussions on the evolution, achievements, and future trajectory of the seed sector. Bringing together industry leaders, policymakers, and stakeholders, the conclave emphasized collaborative strategies for strengthening the seed value chain and fostering innovation in Indian agriculture.



v. Seed Industry Leaders Call for Unified Licensing at SIAM's 12th Annual Meet

The Seed Industries Association of Maharashtra (SIAM) held its 12th Annual General Meeting on September 30, 2025 at Hotel Hyatt Place, Aurangabad Airport, MIDC, Chilkalthana, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar. Ahead of the AGM, two technical sessions were organized on the themes, "Harmonization of Laws Relating to the Seed Sector in India" and "Implementation of the SATHI Portal."

Dr. R.K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), NSAI, participated as a panelist in the technical session on seed law harmonization, which addressed key regulatory inconsistencies across states. The discussion focused on licensing discrepancies, certified vs. truthfully labelled (TL) seeds, the requirement of State Agricultural University (SAU) trials for varietal inclusion, and the lack of adherence to central guidelines by several states. The session was chaired by Mr. Rajvir Rath, Vice President, Public & Government Affairs, Bayer Crop Science & Vice Chairman, FSII, and moderated by Mr. Ritesh Mishra, Vice President, SIAM. Other panelists included Mr. Vaibhav Kashikar, Vice President, SIAM, Executive Director, Ankur Seeds & Treasurer, NSAI, and Mr. Kuldeep Tyagi, Director, Government Affairs, FSII.

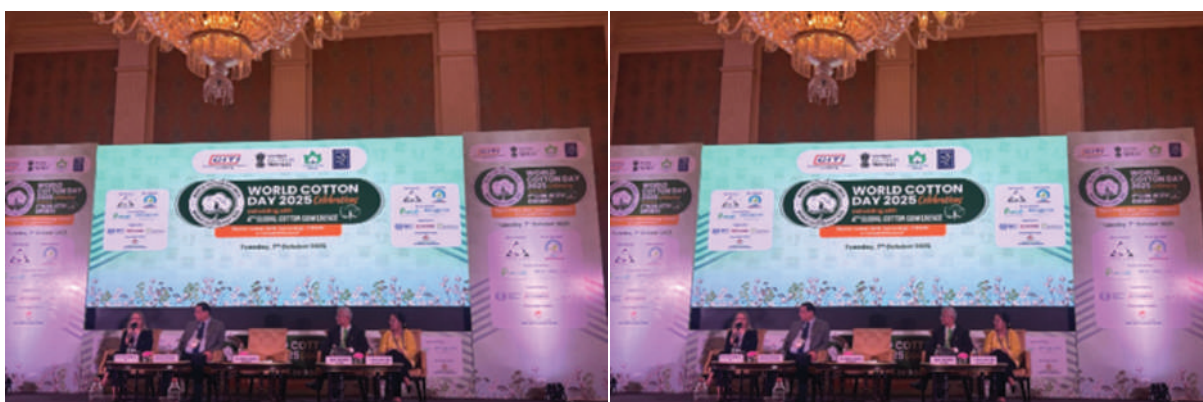
Mr. Kashikar outlined critical challenges confronting the seed industry and suggested practical remedies. Dr. Tripathi, in his presentation, emphasized the need to reform the seed licensing system and highlighted the misinterpretation of the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983, by several states. He proposed amendments aimed at creating a harmonized, “One Nation, One Licence” framework. The second technical session focused on the implementation of the SATHI portal, particularly the integration of certified and TL seeds, while addressing key industry concerns. The AGM also shed light on pressing issues faced by the sector, including the widespread distribution of illegal HTBt cotton seeds and the strategic responses needed to curb their proliferation.



vi. Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) Organizes 4th Global Cotton Conference on “Cotton 2040: Technology, Climate & Competitiveness” in New Delhi

Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical) and Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Deputy Director (Technical), NSAI, participated in the 4th Global Cotton Conference held on the theme “Cotton 2040: Technology, Climate & Competitiveness” in New Delhi on October 7, 2025. The conference was organized by the Confederation of Indian Textile Industry (CITI) in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Textiles and the Cotton Corporation of India, coinciding with the celebration of World Cotton Day. The National Seed Association of India (NSAI) participated as a Partner Association, while the Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) served as the Knowledge Partner for the event. The conference received support from the International Labour Organization (ILO), the Cotton Textiles Export Promotion Council (TEXPROCIL), and CITI-CDRA. The programme was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Textiles, Mr. Pabitra Margherita, and featured a keynote address by Union Minister of Textiles, Mr. Giriraj Singh. Several industry leaders, including Mr. Rajvir Rath from Bayer, shared their insights during the sessions. Panellists underscored the need for an ecosystem-

based approach to create a win-win framework for farmers, industry, and consumers. They highlighted that leveraging technology, addressing structural challenges, and strengthening research and development (R&D) would be crucial for enhancing the competitiveness and climate resilience of India's cotton textile sector. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by CITI Deputy Chairman, Mr. Dinesh Nolkha.



vii. FSSAI Organizes 48th Meeting of the Central Advisory Committee (CAC) at FDA Bhavan, New Delhi

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) convened the 48th meeting of its Central Advisory Committee (CAC) on October 14, 2025, at FDA Bhavan, New Delhi. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), FSSAI, and was attended by newly nominated members of the CAC, representatives from various Ministries and Departments of the Government of India, Commissioners of Food Safety from States and Union Territories, members of the FSSAI Scientific Committee, and senior officials of FSSAI.

Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), NSAI, participated in the meeting as a nominated member of the Central Advisory Committee. During the introductory session, Dr. Tripathi provided a comprehensive overview of his professional background and technical expertise. He elaborated on his extensive experience in the fields of agricultural sciences, seed technology, and food safety regulations. Dr. Tripathi also highlighted the potential areas where he could contribute to the strengthening of the food safety and standards ecosystem in India, particularly in promoting traceability, ensuring quality assurance across the food value chain, and enhancing collaboration between the seed and food sectors. He expressed his commitment to actively support FSSAI's initiatives aimed at safeguarding public

health and improving the integrity of food systems through scientific and evidence-based approaches.

The meeting served as an important platform for members to deliberate on key policy and regulatory matters pertaining to food safety, discuss emerging challenges, and explore collaborative strategies for effective implementation of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 across the country.



viii. Meeting Held to Resolve Breeder Seed Indent Issues on SATHI Portal

A meeting was convened on October 14, 2025, at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, under the chairmanship of Mr. Anand Kumar Prabhakar, Additional Commissioner (Seeds), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, to discuss issues related to the submission and finalization of breeder seed indents for Rabi crops through the SATHI portal. The meeting was attended by officials from the Seed Division, representatives from State Agriculture Departments, the National Seed Association of India (NSAI), and the technical team managing the SATHI platform.

From NSAI Dr. Pramod Sharma, Assistant Director (NSAI) and Dr. Aashima Batheja, Research Associate attended the meeting. During the meeting, several key concerns were raised regarding the functionality and data accuracy of the portal. It was reported that the breeder seed indent report from Madhya Pradesh included data from private seed companies, which needed correction. The NSAI flagged two major issues: the appearance of indents from six of its member seed companies.

The Chairperson directed the concerned agencies to reconcile these discrepancies in coordination with the NSAI.

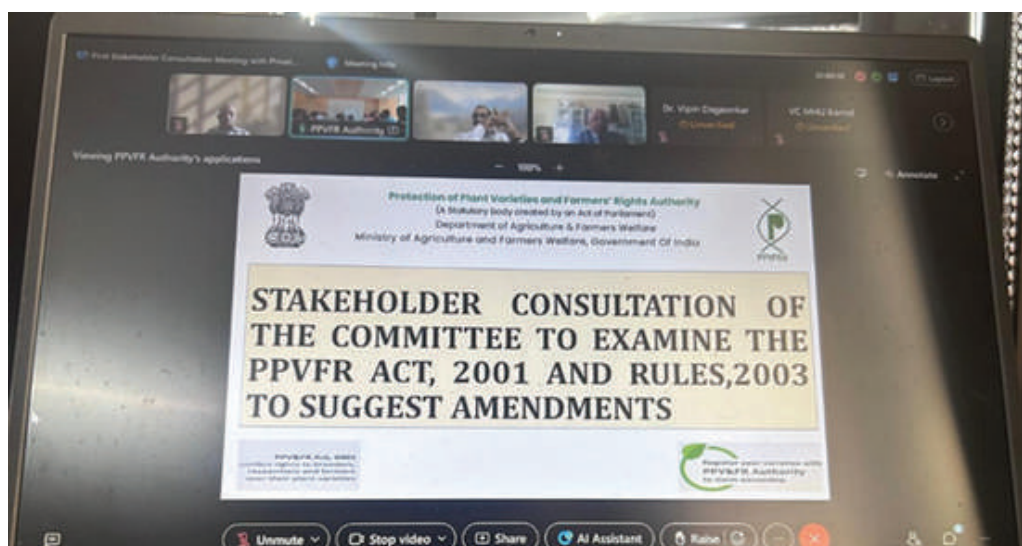
Participants also reported that login credentials for Seed Producing Agencies (SPAs) and indenters were not functioning properly, and that reports for oilseed and pulse crops were not visible under the Seed Division's login on the SATHI portal. Additionally, the breeder seed allocation functionality was found to be malfunctioning, delaying the allocation process. The Chairperson instructed the technical team to address these issues on a priority basis to ensure seamless operation of the portal. Another point of discussion was the need to update the formats of breeder seed indent reports to meet current reporting requirements. The Seed Division and the SATHI technical team were directed to finalize the revised templates before the next indenting cycle. Mr. Prabhakar emphasized the importance of data integrity, system efficiency, and timely resolution of all technical issues to

facilitate smooth breeder seed planning for the upcoming Rabi season. The meeting concluded with the decision to hold a follow-up review within three weeks to assess the progress on corrective actions and ensure full functionality of the SATHI portal for breeder seed management.

ix. First Stakeholder Consultation meeting held to Review Proposed Amendments to the PPVFR Act

A stakeholder consultation meeting was held on October 25, 2025, under the chairmanship of Dr. R. S. Paroda to review the proposed amendments to the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights (PPVFR) Act. The meeting was attended by Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), and Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Deputy Director (Technical), from the NSAI Secretariat, along with a number of senior representatives from the seed industry. Participants engaged in detailed deliberations on the proposed amendments, identifying key provisions that require revision to better serve the evolving needs of the seed sector. They shared valuable suggestions and insights aimed at ensuring that the amendments maintain a balanced framework supporting innovation, farmers' rights, and sustainable growth of the Indian seed industry. The meeting concluded with Dr. Paroda expressing appreciation for the participants' constructive contributions and underscoring the

importance of continued collaboration to represent the collective voice of the seed industry in the ongoing PPVFR amendment process.



x. Consultation Meeting of Farmers regarding Annex 1 Crops in MLTS ITPGRFA hosted by PPV&FR Authority

On October 27, 2025, a consultation meeting of Farmers regarding Annex 1 Crops in MLTS - ITPGRFA was organized by the PPV&FR Authority in Plant Authority Bhawan, New Delhi.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairperson, PPV&FRA, and attended by several key dignitaries including Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary (Seeds), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Dr. D. K. Yadava, DDG (Crop Science), ICAR, Mr. Vilas D. Sonawane, Dr. G. P. Singh, Director, NBPGR and Mr. M. Gunashekran, Deputy Commissioner (Seeds). The meeting was also attended by representatives from public research institutions, private seed companies, and farmers' organizations.

From NSAI, Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), and Dr. Pramod Sharma, Assistant Director (Technical), attended the meeting. The meeting primarily focused on key issues of the Provisional Agenda of the 11th Meeting of the GB of ITPGRFA, such as the expansion of crops to all PGRFA under the ITPGRFA, which currently includes

35 food and 29 forage crops, as well as matters related to Fair and Equitable Benefit Sharing and the Digital Sequence Information (DSI) system.

During the discussion, it was emphasized that India should gain access to key crops such as soybean, groundnut, tomato, and watermelon, which are not currently covered in the Annex 1 crop list, to support Indian breeders. It was proposed that additional crops should be included in the Annex 1 list in a phased and systematic manner, taking into account their importance to food security, breeding programs, and national priorities. Participants expressed concerns that the current monetary contributions to the benefit-sharing funds are insufficient, the guidelines do not clearly mandate the release of benefit-sharing funds, and hence, a proposed subscription-based system with mandatory advance payments was suggested to ensure a more effective and transparent framework.

It was also suggested that Digital Sequence Information (DSI) could be integrated into the sharing framework of the Multilateral System. The use of DSI would enable easier and wider access to genetic data for research and breeding purposes, while also ensuring that benefit-sharing principles apply to both physical germplasm and digital genetic sequence information. It was further suggested that access and benefit-sharing mechanisms under the MLS should be practically tested and implemented, as India has not yet shared any material through the system. This would help assess the effectiveness of the framework and strengthen India's participation in the Multilateral System.

Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary (Seeds), realized that the existing Multilateral System (MLS) has several shortcomings and emphasized the need to prevent the use of unauthorized or illegal channels for germplasm exchange. He recommended strengthening the implementation of the Treaty by establishing a more structured, transparent, and legally enforceable mechanism to ensure effective governance and accountability.

In conclusion, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra underscored the need to establish a robust enforcement mechanism to ensure effective compliance with the Treaty, protect India's rich genetic resources, and create a transparent and accountable system for the declaration and management of sequence databases.



xi. APSA Holds Online Meeting with Seed Associations Across Asia-Pacific

The Asia and Pacific Seed Alliance (APSA) convened an online meeting on October 28, 2025, bringing together representatives from member seed associations across countries including Australia, Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam. The meeting, open to all voting representatives, officers, and Secretariat members, was chaired by Ms. Francine Sayoc, Executive Director of APSA, who welcomed participants and provided updates on the first-year implementation of APSA's Strategic Roadmap 2025–2027, focusing on regulatory advocacy, member engagement, and operational excellence. Dr. Jai Singh, General Secretary, Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), represented NSAI.

Mr. Shivendra Bajaj, Technical Advisor, APSA, highlighted key initiatives undertaken in 2025, including consultations on phytosanitary regulations, plant breeding innovation, and PVP & biodiversity, along with several capacity-building programs organized in collaboration with USDA and ASTA. He reported that APSA now has 523 active members, with 71 new members joining this year, and that India leads with the highest number of member companies (139). Mr. Bajaj also announced the merger of the APSA Seed Academy with the ASF Seed Industry Professional Program (SIPP) to enhance professional training opportunities.

Mr. Mike Kingpayom, APSA Events Manager, presented details of the upcoming Asian Seed Congress 2025, scheduled from November 17–21, 2025, in Mumbai, India, which has already received 1,100 registrations, along with post-congress tours to Pune and Mumbai on November 21, 2025. During discussions, Dr. Anthony Tse of the Hong Kong Seed Trade Association raised concerns about visa delays for Chinese delegates, to which Dr. Jai Singh assured that NSAI is coordinating with India's Ministry of External Affairs to facilitate clearances. Concluding the meeting, Mr. Kenan Yalvac from Turkted invited participants to the Asian Seed Congress 2026, to be held in Antalya, Turkey, from December 1–5, 2026.



xii. NSAI and Argentine Embassy Collaborate to Finalize Study Visit Schedule

The Argentine Embassy held an online meeting with NSAI on October 29, 2025, to finalize plans for an upcoming study visit by an Indian seed industry delegation. The NSAI team included Mr. Vaibhav R. Kashikar, Mr. Ram Babu, Dr. R.K. Tripathi (Director, Technical), Dr. Deepanker Pandey (Deputy Director, Technical), Dr. Pramod Sharma (Assistant Director), and Dr. Aashima Batheja (Research Associate). Mr. Mariano Beheram, Minister Attaché (Agriculture), represented the Argentine Embassy.

Initially planned for October 13–17, 2025, the visit was postponed due to the festival season in India. During the meeting, NSAI proposed rescheduling the visit to either the last week of January or March 2026. Mr. Beheram informed that March coincides with the harvesting period of key crops such as soybean and corn, while the end of January would allow delegates to visit fields of sorghum, sunflower, soybean, and corn. However, he noted that January is also a holiday season in Argentina, urging early planning and coordination.

After discussions, both sides agreed to schedule the visit for the last week of January 2026. Mr. Kashikar emphasized the need to circulate the proposed schedule among NSAI members and seek their confirmation within ten days. Mr. Beheram also highlighted the availability of a Market Study Research Visa, valid for three months, allowing sufficient time for organizing the tour. He further mentioned that since the Federation of Seed Industry of India (FSII) was willing to join this study tour, NSAI should seek FSII's consent and coordinate with them accordingly.

The meeting concluded on a positive note, with both parties reaffirming their commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation and facilitating a productive exchange between the Indian and Argentine seed sectors.

xiii. 21st Foundation Day Celebration & Plant Genome Saviour Award Function at NASC Complex, New Delhi

The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights (PPV&FR) Authority celebrated its 21st Foundation Day along with the Plant Genome Saviour Award Function on November 12, 2025, at the ICAR Convention Centre, NASC Complex, New Delhi. The event was graced by the Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture, Mr Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who felicitated the distinguished Plant Genome Saviour Communities and Plant Genome Saviour Farmers of India for their invaluable contributions to conserving, improving, and promoting India's rich plant genetic resources.

The celebration served as a platform to highlight the inspiring success stories, innovative grassroots initiatives, and community-led conservation efforts that uphold and strengthen Farmers' Rights under the PPV&FR Act, 2001. It also facilitated the exchange of best practices, policy insights, and experiences from stakeholders across the seed sector, researchers, farmers, and community custodians of agrobiodiversity.

By showcasing impactful models and lessons learned, the event reinforced the critical role of farmers and farming communities in safeguarding the nation's agrobiodiversity and advancing sustainable, climate-resilient agriculture. From NSAI, Dr. R. K. Tripathi (Director, Technical), Dr. Deepanker Pandey (Deputy Director, Technical), Dr. Aashima Batheja (Research Associate) and Ms. Celeste Sarah Varghese (Office Executive) attended the event.

NSAI also put up an exhibition booth displaying its key activities, initiatives, and contributions to the seed sector. The display also highlighted the major initiatives of the PPV&FRA and the share of private sector varieties protected under this Act, offering visitors valuable insights into India's plant variety protection framework. Nuziveedu Seeds Limited, a member company of NSAI, also showcased its high-quality seed material, including improved wheat varieties and a diverse range of vegetable seeds duly protected under the PPV&FR Act.



xiv. Meeting of the Committee to examine proposals for the enlistment of varieties in the OECD List of Varietal Certification

On November 18, 2025, a meeting of the Committee to examine proposals for the enlistment of varieties under the OECD List of Varietal Certification was held via video conferencing, under the chairmanship of Dr Sanjeev Gupta, ADG (Seeds), ICAR. The meeting was attended by Dr Gyan Prakash Mishra, Head, Division of Seed Science and Technology, IARI, New Delhi, and Dr M. Gunasekaran, Deputy Commissioner (Seeds).

Dr Pramod Sharma, Assistant Director (Technical), represented NSAI in the meeting. The agenda was to examine the application submitted by M/s Kurnool Seeds (P) Ltd. for inclusion of the hybrid variety KSSH-186 in the OECD List of Varietal Certification under the OECD Seed Schemes. It was informed that KSSH-186 has export potential and is supported by two years of in-house MLT trial data, meeting the prescribed criteria for varietal selection. However, the ADG (Seeds) expressed concerns regarding the absence of clearly defined criteria or supporting evidence to substantiate the claimed export potential under the OECD Seed Scheme.

Dr Gyan Prakash Mishra further observed that the submitted trial data were relatively old and generated from a single location at Dharwad, Karnataka. The Committee

concluded that a final decision on the proposal would be taken after receiving inputs from all stakeholders. The Deputy Commissioner (Seeds) was requested to share the applicable criteria and evidence required to establish export potential with all stakeholders for further consideration.

xv. Organization of Asian Seed Congress 2025 at the Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai, from November 17 to 21, 2025

The Asian Seed Congress 2025 was successfully held at the Jio World Convention Centre (JWCC), Mumbai, jointly organized by the Asia and Pacific Seed Alliance (APSA) with NSAI and FSII as the Indian co-hosts. The event brought together nearly 1,100 delegates from more than 50 countries, making it one of the largest international gatherings of the seed industry in the Asia-Pacific region.

The Congress was inaugurated in the presence of two distinguished Chief Guests, Mr Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, and Mr Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister of Maharashtra. In their addresses, the leaders highlighted India's growing role in the global seed sector, emphasizing the need for high-quality seeds, digital traceability, climate-resilient varieties, and regulatory reforms, including the proposed new Seed Law.

The Congress featured technical sessions, exhibitions, trading tables, and business networking platforms, enabling stakeholders to exchange knowledge on emerging seed technologies, harmonization of regulations, and international trade opportunities.

From NSAI, Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), and Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Dy. Director (Technical), participated actively, engaging in discussions relevant to India's seed industry and representing NSAI in key interactions with global and regional stakeholders. Overall, ASC 2025 reinforced India's position as a leading hub for seed innovation, collaboration, and industry growth.





xvi. Expert Consultation on the proposed Seeds Bill, 2025, organized by the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi on November 22, 2025

An Expert Consultation on the proposed Seeds Bill, 2025, was held on November 22, 2025, at the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), New Delhi, jointly organized by TAAS, ISGPB, ISSST, and ISPGR in hybrid mode. The meeting, co-chaired by Dr. R.S. Paroda and Dr. Himanshu Pathak, brought together senior leaders from ICAR, NAAS, ASRB, IARI, seed associations, private seed companies, and farmers' groups.

NSAI was represented by Dr. M. Prabhakar Rao (President), Dr. R. K. Tripathi (Director, Technical) and Dr. Pramod Sharma (Assistant Director, Technical).

Presenting an overview of the Draft Seeds Bill, 2025, Dr D. K. Yadava highlighted key provisions, including compulsory registration of varieties and nurseries, authorization of accredited agencies for seed certification, seed price regulation under exceptional circumstances, mandatory QR codes for traceability, disclosure of expected performance, and strict penalties for trivial, minor, and major offences. He reaffirmed that the Bill does not apply to farmers and provides voluntary registration for farmers' varieties.

Experts proposed refinements such as mandatory VCU data for registration (Dr Malavika Dadlani), harmonization of the Bill with emerging technologies (Dr R. B. Singh), and revision of the five-zone classification to reflect real agroecological zones (Dr B. S. Dhillon). Calls were also made for stronger state representation and improved monitoring of VCU trials.

NSAI President Dr M. Prabhakar Rao described the Bill as well-balanced but stressed the urgent need to harmonize seed law implementation across states and introduce systematic auditing of Seed Testing Laboratories, VCU trials, and GOT. Supporting

this view, Dr R. K. Tripathi highlighted frequent state-level deviations from central legislation and emphasized the importance of both NABL and ISTA accreditation for maintaining global-quality seed testing standards. Experts further advocated for a “One Nation, One Seed Regulation” framework, greater private sector involvement, and expansion of ISTA-accredited laboratories. The consultation concluded with a call for written suggestions to strengthen the effective rollout of the Seeds Bill, 2025.

xvii. Stakeholders Push for Seed Subsidies, One Nation–One Licence, and Carbon Credit Benefits in Pre-Budget Talks

A Pre-Budget Consultation Meeting was held on November 25, 2025, at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, with participation from a wide range of stakeholders, including industry associations (CII, PHDCCI, ASSOCHAM, FICCI), banking and financial institutions (NABARD, SBI), farmer unions, chemical and pesticide associations, exporters, and FPOs. The meeting was chaired by Mr Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

NSAI was represented by Mr Dineshbhai Patel, Vice President, along with Dr R.K. Tripathi (Director, Technical), Dr Deepanker Pandey (Deputy Director, Technical), Dr Pramod Sharma (Assistant Director), and Dr Aashima Batheja (Research Associate).

Mr Dineshbhai Patel raised several key issues, including the need for a Breeder Seed Subsidy, rationalization of high trial fees charged by ICAR institutions and ICRISAT, implementation of a ‘One Nation, One Licence’ system, and infrastructure subsidies for MSME seed companies for storage and godown facilities. He also proposed production-linked incentives for private seed companies to boost seed availability, especially for oilseeds and pulses. He further recommended adopting a rule-based taxation framework under the Income Tax Rules, 1962, wherein income from seed production may be treated as 80% agricultural income (exempt) and 20% business income (taxable). He also highlighted the need for subsidies in vegetable seed production to position India as a global exporter.

Dr R.S. Paroda emphasized the ‘One Health Mission,’ urging inclusion of plant and soil health and encouraging youth participation through ATMA. Dr Soumya Swaminathan stressed the need for an evergreen revolution centred on nutritional security, rationalization of urea subsidies, and inclusion of millets under relevant schemes. She proposed celebrating 2026 as the ‘International Year of Women Farmers,’ establishing farm training schools on farmers’ fields, and setting up

bioparks for millets and oilseeds to enhance awareness. The meeting also discussed the scope of a Carbon Credit Fund for farmers, highlighting the significant potential benefits for land-owning farmers.

xviii. Discussion on provisions of the Seed Bill 2025 and suggestions on improvements for the benefit of the industry and the farmers

The National Seed Association of India (NSAI) organized an online consultation meeting on November 26, 2025, with seed industry stakeholders to discuss the provisions of the Seed Bill 2025 and identify areas for further improvement in the interests of both the industry and farmers. The meeting was chaired by Dr M. Prabhakar Rao, President, NSAI, who noted that the much-awaited Bill aims to replace the Seeds Act, 1966 and the Seeds (Control) Order, 1983. He described the new Bill as balanced legislation, capable of enhancing the efficiency of the seed sector. Dr Rao also stressed the need for systematic auditing of Seed Testing Laboratories (STLs) and VCU processes to ensure nationwide uniformity, transparency, and reliability in seed quality assessments.

Dr R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), NSAI, presented a detailed overview of the proposed Bill, including a comprehensive comparison with the existing 1966 Act. He highlighted that the new legislation will cover all crop categories- cereals, pulses, oilseeds, fibre crops, fodder and green manure crops, sugar crops, fruits, vegetables, spices, flowers, and plantation crops and that plant nurseries will also fall under its ambit, with compulsory registration mandated for both crop varieties and nurseries. During the interactive session, members shared several important suggestions. Mr K. Praveen Kumar (GC Member, NSAI) recommended adding a definition of “trader” under Section 2 and including packaging within the definition of seed processing in Section 2(zc). He also noted that provisions on seed export are missing from Section 33.

Mr Pranjivan Zaveri (Secretary, Gujarat Seed Industry Association) emphasized the need for a clearer definition of spurious seed and suggested evaluating germination failure directly in farmers’ fields before imposing penalties. He highlighted the high cost of ICAR trials, which is unaffordable for MSMEs, and called for stronger infrastructure and upgraded Seed Testing Laboratories. Mr Hemang Baxi (Bombay Super Hybrid Seeds Ltd.) raised concerns regarding the absence of clarity on FPOs/ FPCs in the Bill and the challenges of implementing a QR code system, particularly given the nascent state of the SATHI Portal and the additional costs it may impose

on MSMEs. Dr R. K. Trivedi, Ex. Executive Director, NSAI, pointed out the need for additional staff in the DAFW to maintain the National Register of Crop Varieties and urged clearer guidelines for exempting small nurseries from registration, involving the States.

Members also agreed that the penalties proposed in the draft Bill are disproportionately high and should be rationalized. Mr Dinesh Bhai Patel advocated for adopting “One Nation, One License” and suggested accrediting capable private organizations for seed certification. The meeting generated several valuable recommendations, and participants agreed that further brainstorming sessions should be organized before the Seed Bill 2025 is finalized. Concluding the meeting, Dr R. K. Tripathi summarized the key suggestions and thanked members for their constructive participation, noting that the discussion was both meaningful and productive.

xix. PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) organized The Agribusiness Summit 2025 at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi

The PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) organized The Agribusiness Summit 2025 on December 8, 2025, at Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi, centred on the theme “Tripling the Agricultural GDP by Using New Technology and Quality Agri Inputs.” The Summit brought together senior policymakers, industry leaders, scientists, and agri-entrepreneurs to deliberate on strategies aimed at enhancing agricultural productivity and increasing farmers’ incomes. Representing the National Seed Association of India (NSAI), Dr. M. Prabhakar Rao, President, and Dr. Pramod Sharma, Assistant Director (Technical) participated in the deliberations.

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister of Agriculture, emphasized the need for a farmer-centric approach, underscoring the importance of translating innovations from “lab to land” to ensure that scientific research directly benefits farmers. He highlighted the critical role of quality agricultural inputs, advanced technologies, mechanization, and value addition in improving crop yields. The Minister also reiterated the Government’s commitment to ensuring remunerative prices for farmers, noting that in the case of horticultural crops, any shortfall between the market price and the threshold price would be compensated directly to farmers.

The Summit strongly advocated integrated farming systems, particularly for small and

marginal farmers owning less than one hectare of land, encouraging diversification into allied activities such as livestock and fisheries to enhance income stability and resilience. It was noted that India's agricultural growth for FY 2025–26 is estimated at around 4 per cent, underscoring the urgent need to improve productivity per hectare. The event also highlighted notable achievements, including a 44 per cent increase in sugarcane production since 2014, largely attributed to the adoption of improved seed varieties and modern agricultural practices. Prof. Ramesh Chand, Member, NITI Aayog, stressed that strengthening Indian agriculture requires both higher production and improved productivity. Drawing a comparison with China, he observed that Chinese farmers function as “gardeners and innovators,” maximizing output from limited land through precision farming and efficient management practices. He suggested that India could draw valuable lessons from China's efficient fertilizer use to enhance yields while safeguarding environmental sustainability.

Mr. R. G. Agarwal, Chair, Agribusiness Committee, PHDCCI, remarked that Indian farmers have consistently contributed to national food security and development, and emphasized that the time has come to deliver stronger support systems for them. He highlighted that access to advanced technology, knowledge dissemination, and institutional support is essential for raising farmers' incomes. Mr. Rahul Dhanuka, Managing Director, Dhanuka Agritech Limited, noted that although India uses one of the lowest quantities of agricultural chemicals globally, misuse remains an issue in certain regions. He called for strengthened public-private partnerships to promote the responsible and judicious use of crop protection products and expressed gratitude to the Union Minister for his inspiring address.

Mr. Ranjeet Mehta, CEO and Secretary General, PHDCCI, highlighted the transformative impact of government initiatives such as the Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana and the Digital Agriculture Mission on the rural economy. He stated that over 1.7 crore beneficiaries and more than 15,000 natural farming clusters covering 7.5 lakh hectares are already reshaping agricultural practices. He further noted that the establishment of 10,000 Bio-Input Resource Centres, coupled with the Carbon Credit Trading Scheme, could create additional income streams for farmers, bringing the vision of tripling agricultural GDP closer to reality. In conclusion, the Agribusiness Summit 2025 underscored the critical importance of technological innovation, high-quality agricultural inputs, enabling policy frameworks, and collaborative efforts across the agricultural value chain in achieving the objective of substantially increasing India's agricultural GDP.

xx. Meeting on Seed Sector Issues for BRICS Presidency 2026

A meeting to deliberate on various issues related to the seed sector in the context of India's BRICS Presidency 2026 was held on December 19, 2025 at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Gupta, ADG (Seeds), ICAR. Representatives from the National Seed Association of India (NSAI), along with other key stakeholders including FSII, NBPGR, IRRI, ICAR, and the Seeds/IC Division of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DAFW) attended the meeting. The agenda of the meeting focused on enhancing cooperation among BRICS countries in seed research and innovation, including the exchange of germplasm, particularly in oilseeds, pulses, and horticultural crops. It also emphasized facilitating the regulated movement of seeds among BRICS nations and the development of farmer-centric seed systems.

Further, discussions covered strengthening the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmer's Rights Authority (PPV&FRA) as a global forum or centre of excellence for farmer's rights, along with improving market access for Indian seed companies for the export of seeds and planting materials.

During the discussions, Dr. R K Tripathi, Director (Technical), NSAI apprised the participants of the significant market potential for Indian seeds in BRICS countries, especially in vegetable and field crop seeds, pulses, and oilseeds. He highlighted India's comparative advantage in the development of climate-smart and stress-resilient varieties, as well as its cost-effective seed production capacity suited to sub-tropical and tropical conditions. He also underlined the opportunities for importing advanced technologies and germplasm in crops such as vegetables, soybean, cotton, pulses, and oilseeds from countries like Russia and Brazil. The meeting concluded with the decision that seed industry associations would prepare a comprehensive draft outlining country-specific, crop-wise opportunities for seed exports and imports, along with key issues to be addressed in the context of BRICS cooperation.

xxi. National Oilseeds Conference 2026 Focuses on Edible Oil Self-Sufficiency and Innovation

The Society for Rapeseed-Mustard Research (SRMR), Bharatpur, organized the National Oilseeds Conference 2026 at ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, from February 6–8, bringing together scientists, policymakers, industry

leaders, and stakeholders to deliberate on the theme “Edible Oil Security for Atmanirbhar Bharat.” The conference addressed India's rising edible oil demand and import dependence, highlighting the need for enhanced domestic production and farmer income. Speakers emphasized crop diversification, climate-resilient varieties, improved seed systems, and adoption of advanced technologies such as AI, precision agriculture, genome editing, and speed breeding to bridge yield gaps. The inaugural session featured key insights from ICAR leadership, with a call for integrated efforts across research, extension, and industry, alongside the launch of the Oilseeds Kisan Mitra App and key technical publications.



Industry representatives and researchers stressed productivity enhancement, intercropping, use of rice fallows, and promotion of high-oil-content varieties, while underlining challenges related to quality seed availability, market volatility, and processing infrastructure. The conference concluded with actionable recommendations, including strengthening public-private partnerships, improving seed systems, enhancing extension services, and promoting value addition and digital agriculture to achieve self-reliance in edible oil production. From NSAI, Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Deputy Director (Technical) and Dr. Aashima Batheja, Research Associate attended the conference.

xxii. CACP Convenes Key Meeting on MSP and Price Policy for Kharif 2026–27

A meeting on the Price Policy for Kharif crops for the 2026–27 marketing season was convened by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices on February 10, 2026, at Krishi Bhavan, under the chairmanship of Prof. Vijay Paul Sharma, Chairman, CACP. The meeting witnessed participation from key stakeholders, including Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical), and Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Deputy Director (Technical), representing the National Seed Association of India. Representatives from National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, and the Fertiliser Association of India also attended and presented their views. During the meeting, Dr. R. K. Tripathi highlighted key suggestions from NSAI, particularly focusing on the non-price recommendations of the CACP. He emphasized the need to encourage private sector participation in the production of seeds for deficit crops such as oilseeds and pulses, and called for remunerative pricing of Bt cotton seeds, considering the substantial investments made by the industry in research, development, and seed production. He also raised concerns over the proliferation of unapproved and illegal HTBt cotton seeds. Further, NSAI advocated for greater support to Indian seed companies in R&D, promotion of public-private partnerships in seed research, harmonization of the seed licensing system, and targeted support for MSME seed companies to strengthen seed production and processing infrastructure. Additional recommendations included extending subsidies to the private sector on par with public sector organizations, facilitating the custom production of foreign varieties exclusively for export, and rationalizing the high varietal testing fees under ICAR-AICRP trials. The Chairman, CACP, acknowledged the suggestions and assured that these issues would be duly considered in the Commission's report to foster a supportive ecosystem for the growth of the Indian seed industry and to better serve farmers. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

xxiii. NSAI and FSII Present Recommendations on Bt Cotton Seed Pricing to Government

A meeting chaired by the Joint Secretary (Seeds) was convened on February 13, 2026, to which participants from FSII and NSAI were invited, in addition to the members of the Cotton Seed Price Committee. Dr. Paresh Verma and Mr. Sampathkumar (ED) represented FSII, while Dr. R.K. Tripathi (Director-Technical) and Dr. Deepanker Pandey (Deputy Director-Technical) represented NSAI. To begin, FSII was invited to present its stance on the pricing of Bt cotton seeds. Dr. Paresh Verma of FSII primarily emphasized the necessity of increasing Bt cotton seed prices, citing factors such as rising inflation, declining investment by seed companies in R&D (Research and Development), reduced availability of quality seeds, and the market entry of unapproved hybrid seeds and unreliable operators, all of which were adversely impacting cotton productivity and availability. He also cited the example of the pharmaceutical sector, where it has been observed that a mere 1% reduction in R&D investment results in a 1.5% decline in revenue.

NSAI highlighted the significantly higher price escalation of other inputs (materials) used in cotton production compared to seeds, as well as the disparity between these costs and the increase in the MSP (Minimum Support Price) for commercial cotton and cotton seeds. They underscored the critical need for increased investment in research to boost cotton productivity, specifically to develop hybrid seeds that are early-maturing, resistant to PBW (Pink Bollworm), and compatible with modern agricultural practices such as High-Density Planting System (HDPS) and Compact Spacing (CS) and Extra Long Staple cotton. However, such advancements were being hindered by the unremunerative nature of the price increase currently allowed for Bt cotton seeds. Based on their production cost figures, they proposed a price of ₹1,075 per packet. A separate reminder letter regarding this matter was also sent to the Ministry.

xxiv. International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) organizes a Seed Health Seminar on “Addressing the importance of Seed Quality and Testing in Global Agriculture”



Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Director (Technical) and Dr. Aashima Batheja, Research Associate, NSAI, participated in the Seed Health Seminar on “Addressing the Importance of Seed Quality and Testing in Global Agriculture” organized by the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) at NAAS Complex on 23 February 2026. The program was also participated in by DDG (Crop Science), ICAR, JS (Seed), DAFW, President, ISF, Director, APARI, ED, FSII, Dr K Keshavalu, immediate past President ISTA, and a team of Senior Executives from ISTA. Apart from an inaugural Introductory Session, the seminar included Technical Sessions covering discussions on seed health testing methodology, Phytosanitary standards, recent developments in seed pathology, relevance of seed testing in exports and a panel discussion with international experts.

Dr Tripathi made a presentation on “Indian Seed Industry Strengths and Needs for export” in the opening/introductory session. He gave an overview of the Indian seed sector, its strengths and challenges in becoming a global export hub. He also highlighted the need for an enabling ecosystem and the promotion of export and international trade of seeds. He, particularly emphasized the need for seed testing facilities to be established in conformity with ISTA and OECD certification to meet quality assurance requirements for the export of seeds. He also suggested that India may develop its own STL accreditation system with the joint efforts of ISTA/NABL, apart from encouraging the seed testing laboratories to take ISTA certification. Dr Tripathi also gave an overview of the efforts of the Indian government in creating provisions for a more inclusive and harmonized policy and regulatory system under the new Seed Bill, 2025 in facilitating exports. He finally suggested that there was an urgent need for aligned policy support, streamlined regulations, modern quality testing infrastructure and focused market development initiatives to take India forward to a global export leadership.

xxv. Global Conference on Women in Agri-Food Systems 2026 Highlights Women’s Leadership as Key to Sustainable Agriculture

The Global Conference on Women in Agri-Food Systems 2026 was held from March 12-14, 2026 at the ICAR Convention Centre, New Delhi, bringing together global experts, policymakers, scientists, and women farmers to discuss the critical role of women in agriculture. Organized with the support of leading institutions such as the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, CGIAR, Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences, and Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights

Authority, the conference focused on empowering women across agri-food systems. Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Dy Director (Technical) represented NSAI during the event



The deliberations highlighted the need for gender-responsive policies, improved access to quality inputs, credit, and markets, and wider adoption of climate-resilient and digital technologies. Participants emphasized strengthening women's role not only as cultivators but also as entrepreneurs and decision-makers. The conference also showcased successful models such as self-help groups and women-led agribusinesses, underlining the importance of capacity building, skill development, and global collaboration. Overall, the event reinforced that empowering women in agriculture is essential for achieving sustainable, resilient, and inclusive agri-food systems worldwide.

xxvi. Urgent LPG Allocation Approved to Prevent Disruption in Seed Processing

A meeting was convened on March 13, 2026, between a delegation from the seed industry and Mr. Vinod Seshan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural

Gas, Government of India. The delegation comprised Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Deputy Director (Technical), National Seed Association of India (NSAI), along with representatives from the Federation of Seed Industry of India (FSII), to deliberate on the challenges pertaining to LPG supply for seed processing units.

During the meeting, the delegation highlighted the critical and time-sensitive requirement of LPG for uninterrupted seed processing operations. It was emphasized that any disruption in LPG supply has far-reaching consequences, not only for the seed sector but also for the broader agricultural economy, particularly during peak processing periods.

Mr. Vinod Seshan acknowledged the seriousness of the issue and assured prompt action. He instructed the concerned officials at Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to immediately release an initial allotment of 5,000 metric tonnes (MT) of LPG as a first instalment. Additionally, directions were issued to ensure the supply of 80% Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to seed processing units to support their operational continuity. The delegation expressed sincere gratitude to the authorities of the Ministry of Agriculture for their timely support and intervention in the matter. It was also conveyed that continuous follow-up will be maintained to ensure sustained supply and to address any further challenges that may arise.

xxvii. Industry Challenges in Cotton Seed Production discussed at AICRP Cotton AGM 2026

ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research organized its Foundation Day Programme on April 1, 2026, followed by the Annual Group Meeting (AGM) 2026 of the ICAR-All India Coordinated Research Project on Cotton on April 2–3, 2026. During the AGM, Dr. Deepanker Pandey actively participated in the panel discussion and brought forward several important concerns affecting cotton seed-producing companies. He emphasized that any proposed changes in varietal identification criteria should be communicated to seed companies well in advance so that necessary preparations can be made in a timely manner, thereby minimizing operational and compliance-related challenges. Dr Pandey also expressed concern over the increasing financial burden on seed companies due to high testing charges and the imposition of GST on such services. He highlighted the need for a more industry-friendly and transparent approach to support the sustainable growth of the cotton seed sector.



xxviii. Meeting of NSAI delegation with Mr. Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, Hon'ble Dy Chief Minister and Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment, Government of Odisha at Bhubaneswar



A delegation from the National Seed Association of India (NSAI), comprising Mr. Dineshbhai Patel, Vice President; Dr. B. B. Pattanaik, GC Member; Mr. K. Praveen

Kumar, GC Member; and Dr R. K. Tripathi, Advisor (Technical), met Mr. Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Government of Odisha, on April 7, 2026, at the Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar. Mr. Sachin Ramachandra Jadhav, Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture, and Mr. Gorakh Waman, Director of Horticulture, were also present. The delegation discussed issues relating to the non-permission for the sale of Bt cotton seeds and Truthfully Labelled (TL) seeds in Odisha.

Dr B. B. Pattanaik highlighted Odisha's strong potential for commercial cotton production and stated that the restriction on Bt cotton seed sales was limiting productivity and encouraging illegal seed trade. Mr. K. Praveen Kumar emphasized that the absence of approval for Bt seeds was also discouraging investments in cotton ginning and processing infrastructure, resulting in economic losses to the State. The delegation also raised concerns regarding restrictions on TL seeds and explained that there is no difference in quality standards between certified and TL seeds. NSAI requested permission for private companies to sell TL seeds in order to improve the availability of quality seeds and enhance SRR/VRR in the State. The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister assured the delegation that the issues raised by NSAI would be discussed in detail with the concerned officials and that a follow-up meeting would be held for further deliberations.

xxix. Unnat Krishi Mela 2026 Highlights "Lab to Land" Approach for Farmer Empowerment

Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Deputy Director (Technical), NSAI, participated in the three-day Unnat Krishi Mela 2026 held from April 11-13, 2026, at Dussehra Maidan, Raisen, Madhya Pradesh. The event aimed to promote technology-driven farming and enhance farmers' income through scientific interventions and innovation-led agricultural practices. It brought together policymakers, agricultural scientists, research institutions, seed companies, progressive farmers, and agri-industry stakeholders from across the region. The mela was inaugurated by senior leaders, including Rajnath Singh, Mohan Yadav, and Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who emphasized the role of modern agriculture, technological advancement, and farmer-centric policies in strengthening India's agricultural economy. The programme featured exhibitions, technical sessions, live demonstrations, and farmer interactions focused on advanced farming practices, crop management, mechanization, and sustainable agricultural solutions.

A key highlight was the promotion of the “Lab to Land” approach, aimed at bridging the gap between agricultural research and field-level adoption. The initiative focused on transferring innovations from research institutions and agricultural universities to farmers, thereby improving productivity, reducing cultivation risks, and enhancing farm profitability. Integrated farming models involving crops, livestock, horticulture, fisheries, and allied sectors were also showcased to demonstrate pathways for sustainable income generation. The event further emphasized the development of a region-specific agricultural roadmap for districts such as Raisen, Vidisha, Sehore, and Dewas, based on local agro-climatic conditions and farming requirements.

Several NSAI member companies, including Nuziveedu Seeds Ltd, Mahalaxmi Crop Science, and Bombay Super Seeds, participated by showcasing improved seed varieties and modern agricultural technologies. Their involvement provided farmers with valuable exposure to innovative inputs and cultivation practices, making the mela an important platform for strengthening collaboration between research institutions, industry, and the farming community.



xxx. DAFW, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare organizes North Zonal Conference on Agriculture at Lucknow

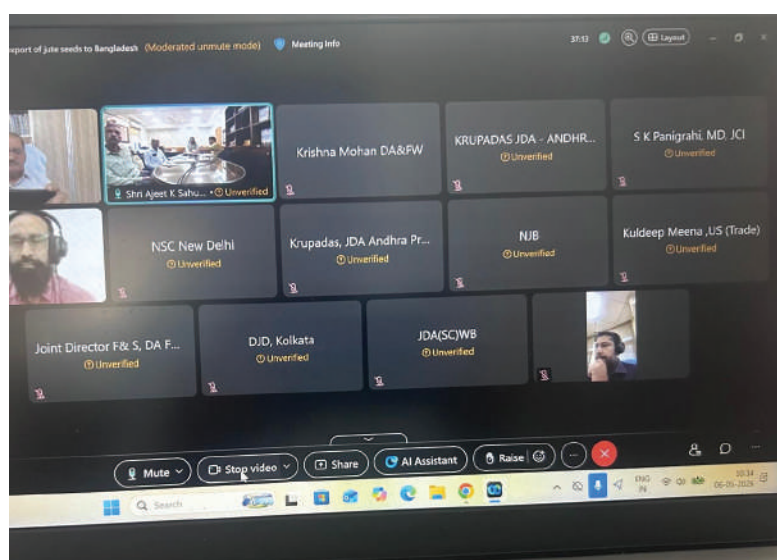


The Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, MoAFW, Government of India organized the North Zonal Conference on Agriculture at Centrum Hotel, Lucknow on April 24, 2026. Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Advisor (Technical), NSAI, participated in the conference on behalf of NSAI. The event was chaired by Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Gol and participated in by MoS Agri Gol, Hon'ble CM UP, Agriculture/Horticulture Ministers of UP, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, AMs of Uttarakhand, Haryana and J&K, apart from Secretary Agriculture Gol, DG ICAR, JS (Seed) and other senior officers of DAFW and the states. During the Conference, detailed discussions were held on different Agri/Horti schemes of the Gol and the States.

During the presentation on the National Pulse Mission, an issue was raised on reducing VRR and SRR of pulse seeds and the lesser availability of quality seeds of pulses as compared to the targets. Dr. R. K. Tripathi also made a submission that the indents for breeder seeds of pulses were alarmingly reducing over the years, which also contributes to the reduced availability of pulse seeds, as the private sector had

a leading role in making adequate seeds of different crops available. It was also suggested that in crops like pulses and Oilseeds, which the Government wants to promote, the private seed sector should also be provided with subsidy incentives as extended to public seed companies to create a level playing field, and encourage the private sector to augment seed production in these crops. Hon'ble AM GoI, in his closing address, also urged the institutions to produce adequate breeder seeds of improved varieties of pulse and oilseeds and their complete lifting by the SPAs, in addition to suggestions on other emerging areas of agriculture.

xxxi. JS (Seeds) Chairs Meeting to Review Jute Seed Export Restrictions to Bangladesh vis-à-vis Domestic Requirements



A meeting was held in hybrid mode in the Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (DAFW) under the chairmanship of JS (Seeds) on May 6, 2026 to discuss various issues arising from the recent move to control the export of jute seeds to Bangladesh vis-à-vis domestic requirements. The meeting primarily focused on assessing the availability of jute seed within the country, domestic requirements, exportable quantity and evaluating the potential impact of any export restrictions. From NSAI, Dr R K Tripathi, Advisor (Technical) and Dr Deepanker Pandey, Dy Director (Technical) participated. It was desired to have a realistic assessment of the availability of Jute seeds in the country and its domestic requirements, to look into the surplus quantity, if any, which could require exports to other countries. Subsequently, based on responses received from major seed companies actively engaged in jute seed production and marketing, it was informed that apart from

public sector seed producers, the jute seed availability in the private industry for the upcoming season was approximately over 2,750 MT against the domestic market requirement of 1520 MT. It was also clarified that the seed industry has adequate jute seed availability to meet domestic demand and could ensure an uninterrupted supply of jute seed within the country.

xxxii. NSAI Celebrates 19th Foundation Day, Reaffirms Commitment to a Self-Reliant Seed Sector

The National Seed Association of India (NSAI) celebrated its 19th Foundation Day with enthusiasm and pride on May 8, 2026, marking nearly two decades of service towards strengthening India's seed sector and empowering farmers across the country. The celebration was attended by eminent seed sector veterans, including Dr. B.B. Pattanaik, Dr. R.K. Trivedi, Dr. Y.R. Meena, Mr.. Sudhir Kansal and Dr. R.K. Tripathi, whose contributions have played a significant role in the growth and development of the Indian seed industry. Mr. Sher Singh, Former official of NSAI also participated in the celebrations, whose experiences, dedication, and contribution to NSAI was duly acknowledged.



The distinguished guests shared their experiences and insights, inspiring stakeholders to continue advancing innovation and excellence in the sector. Their words encouraged the team to continue working with passion, innovation, and commitment towards building an Atmanirbhar Beej Udyog and a prosperous agricultural future for India. Dr. Deepanker Pandey also expressed his thanks to all for making this day special and presented his vision and resolve for taking NSAI to new heights.

The Foundation Day celebration also served as an opportunity to acknowledge the

contributions of members, policymakers, scientists, seed companies, and farmers whose continued support has strengthened the association over the past 19 years. The event concluded with a collective resolve to further enhance innovation, collaboration, and farmer-centric initiatives to ensure a prosperous future for Indian agriculture and the seed sector.

xxxiii. Key Seed Sector Issues Discussed at 41st AICRP AGM and 29th Breeder Seed Review Meeting

The 41st Annual General Meeting of AICRP on Seed (Crops) and the 29th Annual Breeder Seed Review Meeting were held from May 13-15, 2026 at SKUAST-Jammu, jointly organized by ICAR-NISST, Mau, AICRP on Seed (Crops), SKUAST-Jammu, and SEEDS. The event brought together policymakers, scientists, seed experts, industry representatives, and other stakeholders to review breeder seed production, seed technology research, and strategies for strengthening India's seed sector.



The inaugural session was graced by Dr. D.K. Yadava, Deputy Director General (Crop Science), ICAR, as the Chief Guest. Prof. (Dr.) B.N. Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Jammu, chaired the session, Dr. P.R. Chaudhury, ADG (Seed) and Prof. (Dr.) Sushil Kumar Gupta, Director of Research, SKUAST-Jammu, attended as the Guest of

Honour. Dr. A. Anandan, Director, ICAR-NISST, presented the Action Taken Report and progress of AICRP on Seed (Crops) for the year 2025–26. He focused on the need for adequate support for R&D, multi-institutional trials and Seed treatment using Plasma Activated Water (PAW). It is an emerging technology that uses ionized water enriched with Reactive Oxygen and Nitrogen Species (RONS). It provides an eco-friendly, chemical-free alternative to conventional seed treatments by enhancing germination, improving plant immunity, and decontaminating seed surfaces. Dr. P.R. Chaudhury emphasized that focus should be on quality seed production by releasing bio-fortified and multi-resistant varieties. ICAR has developed 187 biofortified varieties across 16 major field crops, including rice, wheat, maize, and pearl millet. During the last 10 years, an increase in SRR/VRR has been noticed.

Dr. D. K. Yadava noted that the Varietal Replacement Rate (VRR) in pulses and oilseeds, which was previously very low, has improved significantly, reaching 70% for varieties less than five years old and up to 90% for varieties less than ten years old in 2025. He also expressed concern over the alarming level of varietal mismatch, ranging from 40–50%, in crops such as soybean, groundnut, and urd. A key focus of the meeting was the 29th Annual Breeder Seed Review Meeting, which reviewed breeder seed production, supply issues, seed multiplication, breeder seed pricing, and implementation of the SATHI N2B module. Representatives from ICAR institutes, government agencies, seed corporations, certification agencies, and the seed industry participated in the discussions.

During stakeholder deliberations, Dr. Aashima Batheja, Research Associate, NSAI, raised concerns over high MoU and license fees charged by most Breeder Seed Production Centres (BSPCs) to private seed companies. She called for a transparent and rational fee structure to support wider seed dissemination, reduce production costs, and strengthen public–private partnerships in the seed sector.

The meeting reviewed achievements under Seed Technology Research (STR) programmes covering seed production, physiology, pathology, entomology, storage, testing, and processing. Principal Investigators presented research outcomes for 2025–26, while an expert panel identified promising technologies for wider adoption. A special session on soybean breeder seed production discussed challenges related to climate change, operational constraints, and strategies to improve seed availability and quality.

On the final day, Quality Seed Production (QSP) and STR centres presented

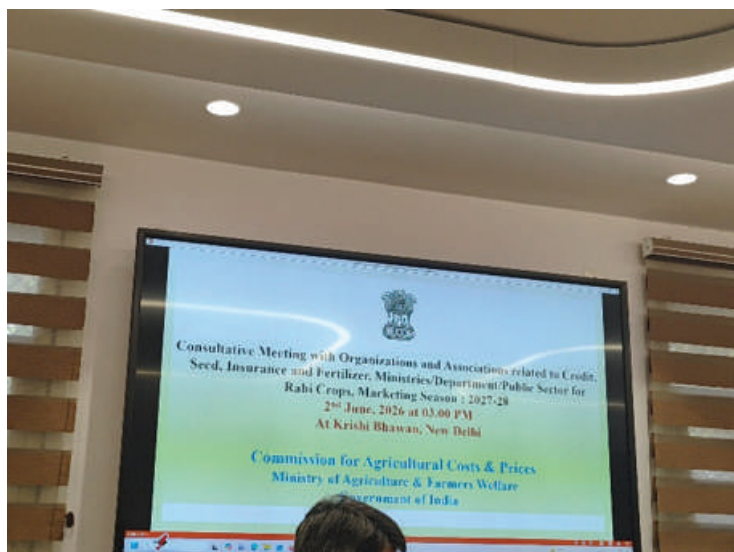
their achievements and future plans. The plenary session consolidated key recommendations and called for stronger collaboration among research institutions, government agencies, and private-sector stakeholders to enhance seed production, technology transfer, and farmers' access to quality seed.

xxxiv. NSAI Presents Key Recommendations on Seed Sector Development Before CACP for Rabi 2027–28 Price Policy

A consultative meeting was held on June 2, 2026, under the chairmanship of the Chairman, CACP, to gather stakeholder inputs for the formulation of the Price Policy for Rabi Crops Marketing Season 2027–28. The meeting was attended by scientists, senior government officials, seed industry leaders, and other stakeholders from the agricultural input sector. The discussions focused on challenges and opportunities in the seed sector and explored policy measures to enhance seed quality, innovation, productivity, and resilience in Indian agriculture. From NSAI, Dr. R. K. Tripathi (Advisor, Technical) and Dr. Aashima Batheja (Research Associate) attended the meeting. Dr. Tripathi highlighted the crucial role of quality seed in enhancing crop productivity, ensuring food security, and supporting the Government's goal of achieving self-reliance in pulses and oilseeds. He pointed out that rising costs of labor, fertilizers, pesticides, irrigation, energy, logistics, processing, storage, certification, and quality assurance are increasing the cost of seed production and should be considered while formulating support measures for seed-producing farmers. He stressed the need for a dedicated risk mitigation framework for seed production, citing challenges such as strict certification standards, adverse weather, disease outbreaks, and rejection of seed lots.

To boost domestic production of pulses and edible oils, he suggested expanding breeder, foundation, and certified seed production; promoting high-yielding and climate-resilient varieties; strengthening seed hubs; and encouraging public-private partnerships. Dr. Tripathi also highlighted the issues like need for improved access to breeder seeds, rationalization of licensing and MoU charges, and extension of seed subsidies for private companies on par with public sector organizations. He further emphasized strengthening seed research and innovation through enhanced public investment, greater public-private collaboration, incentives for private R&D, faster varietal release procedures, and promotion of advanced breeding technologies. Additionally, he mentioned that NSAI has called for strengthening Seed Testing Laboratories through comprehensive audits, standards-based accreditation, and wider recognition of ISTA and NABL accredited laboratories. The Chairman of the

Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) appreciated the valuable inputs submitted by NSAI and assured that the suggestions would be duly considered during the formulation of the Price Policy for Rabi Crops Marketing Season 2027–28.



xxxv. Workshop on Seed Quality Systems: Global Best Practices and India’s Road Map organized by Sathguru Management Consultants at ICRISAT, Hyderabad, on June 4-5, 2026

A workshop on Seed Quality Systems: Global Best Practices and India’s Road Map was organized by Sathguru Management Consultants at ICRISAT, Hyderabad, on June 4-5, 2026. This was a Seed Law Toolbox (SLT) Initiative in partnership with Naktuinbouw, The Netherlands. NSAI was represented by Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Advisor (Technical). Dr Tripathi made a presentation on “Strengthening India’s Seed Quality Ecosystem: Industry Perspectives” in the Opening Session on June 4, 2026, which provided an overview of India’s existing seed quality assurance ecosystem from both government and industry perspectives. The presentation highlighted the institutional framework supporting Seed Quality Assurance (SQA), the roles of seed testing and certification systems, and the evolving requirements of India’s seed sector in response to changing market expectations and international trade. The discussions that followed the presentation helped in a critical review of the strengths of the current system, the need for harmonization of national standards with the global seed quality protocols, the role of industry in the SQA system and various approaches towards strengthening the SQA.

The workshop helped in defining a roadmap for continued dialogue and collaboration among government organizations, research institutions, industry, and international partners to set up an SQA system which was globally acceptable and paved the way for extensive cross-border trade of Indian seeds.



xxxvi. MoA&FW Conducts Online Training-cum-Troubleshooting Session for Kharif Breeder Seed Production 2026–27

The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, organized an Online Training-cum-Troubleshooting Session on June 10, 2026 to facilitate the implementation of the Compensatory Programme for Kharif Breeder Seed Production 2026–27. The session focused on ensuring timely uploading of breeder seed production data on the SATHI Portal, resolving technical and operational issues, and clarifying procedures related to breeder seed allocation. ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur was requested to ensure that all Breeder Seed Production (BSP) Centres do upload their production data by June 11, 2026, as breeder seed allocation for Kharif 2026–27 would be finalized on June 12, 2026 based on the data submitted through the portal. From NSAI, Dr. Pramod Sharma, Assistant Director (Technical) and Dr. Aashima Batheja, Research Associate attended the meeting.

xxxvii. Meeting of State Seed Sub-committee for release of Agricultural and Horticultural crops duly identified by IARI, Pusa for cultivation in NCT of Delhi

The 12th Meeting of the State Seed Sub-Committee for Agricultural and Horticultural Crops, Government of NCT of Delhi, was held on June 22, 2026 at the M.S. Swaminathan Library, ICAR–Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Sh. Yashpal Garg, Commissioner and Secretary, Government of NCT of Delhi, who, in his inaugural address, underscored the significance of the meeting in facilitating the release of improved crop varieties for the benefit of farmers in Delhi. The meeting was convened under the provisions of the Seeds Act, 1966, to consider the release of new agricultural and horticultural crop varieties suitable for cultivation in the National Capital Territory of Delhi.

He highlighted the need for the efficient utilization of critical resources such as water and nutrients and stressed that ensuring the production and availability of quality seed continues to be a major challenge requiring sustained scientific efforts.

During the meeting, ICAR-IARI, Pusa presented 43 agricultural and horticultural crop varieties that had been identified by its Variety Identification Committee for release in the NCT of Delhi. Technical presentations were delivered by Dr Gopala Krishnan S., Head, Division of Genetics; Dr. O.P. Awasthi, Head, Division of Fruits and Horticulture Technology; Dr K.K. Gangopadhyay, Head, Division of Vegetable Science; and Dr Markandey Singh, Head, Division of Floriculture and Landscaping. The proposed varieties were presented with details on their performance, adaptability, and suitability for cultivation under the agro-climatic conditions of Delhi. The Sub-Committee deliberated on the proposals and assessed the suitability of the identified varieties for release. The release of these varieties is expected to facilitate breeder seed production, strengthen demonstration programmes, and promote the wider dissemination of improved cultivars to farmers across the NCT of Delhi, thereby contributing to enhanced agricultural and horticultural productivity.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Gyan P. Mishra, Head, Division of Seed Science and Technology (DSST), ICAR-IARI, who congratulated the scientists on their dedicated efforts in developing improved crop varieties and acknowledged their valuable contribution to the advancement of Indian agriculture. After detailed deliberations, the Sub-Committee considered the proposals for the release of the identified varieties and recommended a review of the nomenclature of certain crop varieties before their formal notification. The release of these

improved varieties is expected to strengthen the availability of quality seed and support sustainable agricultural and horticultural development in the NCT of Delhi.



xxxviii. Meeting of NSAI delegation with Secretary (Agriculture), Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Government of Odisha

An NSAI delegation comprising Dr. B. B. Pattanaik, GC Member; Mr. K. Praveen Kumar, GC Member; Dr. R. K. Tripathi, Advisor (Technical); and Mr. M. Srinivas Rao, Bhulaxmi Seeds, Odisha, met Mr. Sachin Ramchandra Jadhav, Secretary (Agriculture), Department of Agriculture & Farmer's Empowerment, Government of Odisha on June 29, 2026. Mr. Subhranshu Mishra, OAS, Additional Secretary (Agriculture), was also present during the meeting. The delegation discussed several key issues concerning the seed industry in Odisha, with particular emphasis on the non-permission for the sale of Bt cotton seeds and the restriction on the sale of Truthfully Labelled (TL) seeds in the state. A formal representation outlining NSAI's concerns and recommendations was submitted to the Secretary.

During the discussions, the delegation highlighted that while most states permit the sale of TL seeds under the existing licensing framework, Odisha continues to impose restrictions. It was also pointed out that although nearly 10 lakh packets of Bt cotton seeds are sold annually in the state and several Bt cotton hybrids are officially notified for Odisha, the absence of legal licensing has encouraged the proliferation of unregulated seed sales. The delegation emphasized that such restrictions inadvertently promote the marketing of unauthorized and spurious seeds, ultimately affecting farmers' interests.

Dr B B Pattanaik further underlined the significant investments made by private seed companies in Odisha, including seed processing facilities, cold storage infrastructure, and extensive seed production areas. He stressed that a supportive policy environment is essential to promote research, development, and growth of

the seed industry in the state. It was also noted that neighbouring states, including Maharashtra, do not impose similar restrictions on the sale of Bt cotton and TL seeds.

The Secretary (Agriculture) appreciated the concerns raised by the delegation and assured that the issues would be examined in the department and taken up with the Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Agriculture Minister, Odisha. He also expressed his keenness to visit seed processing facilities in the state to gain first-hand insights into the contributions of the private seed industry. The meeting concluded on a positive note, with the state senior officials acknowledging the concerns presented by NSAI and assuring that the matter would be considered pragmatically at the appropriate level for suitable policy decisions.

xxxix. ICAR Holds Pre-Conclave Meeting to Foster Public-Private Collaboration in Agricultural Innovation

A Pre-Conclave Deliberation on Industry-ICAR Collaboration under CSR and Technology Partnership Initiatives was held on July 06, 2026, at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi, under the chairmanship of the Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The meeting was organized as a precursor to the ICAR CSR & Technology Portfolio Conclave 2026, scheduled to be held on July 15, 2026, at the NASC Complex, New Delhi.

The meeting was attended by senior officials from ICAR, Agrinnovate India Limited, and the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), including the Joint Secretary (Seeds), Deputy Director General (Crop Science), the Chief Executive Officer, Agrinnovate India Limited, and representatives from leading private seed companies such as Kohinoor Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Moti Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Mahalaxmi Seeds Pvt. Ltd., and several other seed companies. Dr. Deepanker Pandey represented the National Seed Association of India (NSAI) during the deliberations.

Welcoming the participants, the Chair emphasized the importance of strengthening collaboration between ICAR and the private seed industry through strategic partnerships in agricultural research, technology commercialization, innovation, and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives. He highlighted that greater engagement between public research institutions and the private sector would facilitate faster dissemination of improved technologies, enhance farmers' access to quality innovations, and contribute to sustainable agricultural growth.

During the deliberations, representatives of the private seed industry appreciated ICAR's initiative to engage the industry through a structured partnership

framework and expressed their willingness to collaborate in the commercialization of improved crop varieties, seed technologies, capacity building, and farmer-centric CSR programmes. The participants highlighted the need for transparent and efficient technology licensing mechanisms, enhanced industry participation in setting research priorities, faster commercialization of public-sector innovations, and stronger public-private partnerships to accelerate the adoption of advanced agricultural technologies.

Speaking on behalf of the National Seed Association of India (NSAI), Dr. Deepanker Pandey reaffirmed the Association's commitment to facilitating effective collaboration between ICAR and the private seed industry. He assured the support of NSAI and its member companies in promoting research, innovation, technology dissemination, and sustainable agricultural development through collaborative initiatives.

The Chair appreciated the constructive suggestions received from the industry and informed the participants that the recommendations would be duly considered while formulating future collaborative initiatives under the ICAR CSR & Technology Partnership Framework. The meeting concluded with a shared commitment from ICAR and the private seed sector to strengthen institutional collaboration and foster innovation-driven growth for the benefit of Indian agriculture.

xl. NSAI Participates in India Seed Trade & Innovation Summit & Exhibition 2026

Dr. Deepanker Pandey, representing the National Seed Association of India (NSAI), participated in the India Seed Trade & Innovation Summit & Exhibition 2026, organized by the Associated Chambers of Commerce & Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) in collaboration with the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), held from July 9–11, 2026, in Hyderabad, India.

The three-day Summit served as a premier platform for fostering dialogue and collaboration among key stakeholders in the seed and agriculture sectors. The event brought together policymakers, senior government officials, industry leaders, seed companies, research institutions, agritech innovators, startups, investors, exporters, farmers, and international delegates to deliberate on emerging opportunities in seed innovation, biotechnology, climate-resilient agriculture, and global agricultural trade.

The programme featured keynote addresses by eminent experts, technical sessions, panel discussions, business networking interactions, and exhibitions showcasing the

latest advancements in seed technologies, agricultural innovation, and sustainable farming solutions. Discussions focused on promoting innovation-led growth, strengthening public-private partnerships, enhancing global competitiveness of the Indian seed industry, facilitating technology transfer, and addressing the challenges of climate change through resilient agricultural systems.

The participation of NSAI in the Summit reaffirmed the Association's commitment to promoting innovation, facilitating knowledge exchange, and strengthening collaboration among government, research institutions, and the private seed industry to support sustainable agricultural development and enhance India's position in the global seed sector.

xli. BAU Ranchi Explores New Avenues to Promote Technology, Innovation and Youth in Agriculture

Birsa Agricultural University (BAU), Ranchi, organized its Extension Council Meeting on July 11, 2024, with Dr R. K. Tripathi, Advisor (Technical), National Seed Association of India (NSAI), participating as an expert.

Addressing the meeting, Dr. Tripathi emphasized the critical role of agricultural extension in promoting the adoption of emerging technologies, including the latest crop varieties and improved agricultural practices. He stressed the need to encourage greater participation of youth in agriculture through initiatives at the school level, as well as by promoting agri-startups and agribusiness enterprises with the support of the government and State Agricultural Universities (SAUs).

Dr. Tripathi also highlighted the importance of showcasing the success stories of young entrepreneurs and farmers engaged in profitable agricultural ventures through various mass-media platforms. Such efforts, he said, could help create awareness among the younger generation and encourage them to consider agriculture as a viable and rewarding profession.

Appreciating the work being undertaken by the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) under BAU, Dr Tripathi noted their commendable contribution towards strengthening key agricultural sectors of Jharkhand, including vegetable production, livestock, dairy and poultry. He emphasized that effective extension services and wider dissemination of successful models can play an important role in accelerating agricultural development across the state.

The meeting witnessed participation from experts and stakeholders associated with agricultural education, research and extension. The event also received

extensive coverage in various news media outlets across Jharkhand, highlighting the importance of the discussions on strengthening agricultural extension and promoting new opportunities for farmers and youth in the sector.



xlii. Rajasthan Agriculture Department Holds Meeting on Centralized Online Seed Variety Registration Module

The Department of Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan, organized a meeting on July 15, 2026, at the Directorate of Agriculture, Jaipur, to discuss the proposed State-level Centralized Online Contactless and Faceless Module for Seed Variety Registration. The meeting was held under the chairmanship of Shri Naresh Goyal, IAS, Commissioner Agriculture, Government of Rajasthan, and was attended by representatives of the National Seed Association of India (NSAI), the Rajasthan Agricultural Input Dealers Association, NIC, IIT Kanpur, and seed companies operating in Rajasthan. Dr R. K. Tripathi, Advisor (Technical), NSAI, participated in the meeting.

During the meeting, Dr Rajpal Jhajharia, an officer from the Agriculture Department, made a presentation on the proposed portal, which is envisaged to be based on Blockchain technology and fully aligned with the SATHI Portal. Dr Tripathi shared several suggestions aimed at making the proposed system more efficient, transparent and user-friendly.

Key suggestions included adherence to strict timelines for approval of new seed products, renewal of seed licences and issuance of seed registration certificates, along with an officer-wise pendency dashboard to strengthen accountability and enable effective monitoring by senior officers. He also suggested introducing a priority approval mechanism for DSIR-recognized companies.

Dr Tripathi further highlighted the need to synchronize the timing of Bt cotton seed sale approvals with neighbouring states, particularly Haryana, to avoid early movement of seed into Rajasthan and its potential impact on sowing patterns and seed-company operations. He also highlighted the significance of early approval for the sales, with respect to effective management of supply chain logistics, ensuring timely placement of the seeds at the delivery point. Other suggestions included providing a secure facility for correction and updating of data, ensuring data privacy of seed companies, and incorporating a comprehensive FAQ section and help desk to facilitate user support and a smooth transition to the new system.

The Commissioner, Agriculture, Rajasthan, acknowledged the suggestions made by NSAI and assured that these recommendations would be duly considered during the development and implementation of the proposed system.

2. Important Representations made by NSAI

Important representations submitted to various authorities on the issues relating to the Seed industry are listed below:

Date	Letter No.	Subject	Submitted To
04.08.2025	NSAI/2025/085	Enforcement of Regulatory Guidelines for Hybrid Cotton Seed Marketing and Sampling to Ensure Quality Seed Availability to the Farmers	Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu, IAS, Joint Secretary (Seeds),
13.08.2025	NSAI/2025/086	Industry concerns regarding submission of seed grower details through OLMS Ref: Circular No SRC (I) 1846 / 2021 dated 4th August 2025	Dr B Gopi, IAS, Director, Department of Agriculture, Government of Telangana

21.08.2025	NSAI/2025/087	Enforcement of Regulatory Guidelines for Transgenic Hybrid Cotton Seed Marketing to Ensure Genuine Quality Seed Availability to the Farmers- Reg	Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu, IAS, Joint Secretary (Seeds),
25.08.2025	NSAI/2025/088	Representation on HT Technology Royalty Model for Wider Farmer Adoption- Reg'	Dr. S. Gopala Krishnan, Division of Genetics, Head Rice Plant Breeding and Genetics, Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI),
30.09.2025	NSAI/2025/089	NSAI congratulates Mr. Virendra Tiwari, IFoS on his appointment as Chairperson, National Biodiversity Authority	Mr. Virendra Tiwari, IFoS Chairperson National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)
01.11.2025	NSAI/2025/090-091	Request for inviting NSAI for Participation in the Meetings organized by Odisha Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment on matters concerning the Seed Sector in the Country/State.	Mr. Shubham Saxena, IAS Director of Agriculture & Food Production, Department of Agriculture and Farmers' Empowerment Government of Odisha Dr Arabinda Kumar Padhee, IAS Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment, Government of Odisha,
09.11.2025	NSAI/2025/092	Submission from the National Seed Association of India (NSAI) for the Pre-Budget Consultation with the Hon'ble Finance Minister – Union Budget 2026–27	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Hon'ble Finance Minister, Government of India,

28.11.2025	NSAI/2025/100	राष्ट्रीय बीज संघ, भारत (NSAI) द्वारा माननीय कृषि मंत्री के साथ प्री-बजट परामर्श हेतु—यूनियन बजट 2026-27 के लिए सुझावों का प्रस्तुतिकरण	श्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान जी, माननीय कृषि मंत्री, भारत सरकार, कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली – 110001
28.11.2025	NSAI/2025/101	Submission from the National Seed Association of India (NSAI) for the Pre-Budget Consultation with the Hon'ble Agriculture Minister – Union Budget 2026-27	Mr. Shivraj Singh Chauhan ji, Hon'ble Agriculture Minister, Government of India,
09.12.2025	NSAI/2025/102	“आत्मनिर्भर कृषि” के अंतर्गत “आत्मनिर्भर बीज उद्योग” के माध्यम से भारतीय बीज उद्योग को सुदृढ़ बनाने का प्रस्ताव	श्री शिवराज सिंह चौहान जी माननीय कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री भारत सरकार
09.12.2025	NSAI/2025/103-104	Enabling Policy Reforms for Indian Seed Industry to achieve the vision of Viksit Bharat @ 2047 through Atmanirbhar Krishi and Ease of Doing Business – reg	Mr. Amit Shah Ji Hon'ble Union Home Minister, Ministry of Home Affairs The Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Prime Minister's Office, South Block, Raisina Hill
17.12.2025	NSAI/2025/105	Suggested measures to ensure the quality of seeds to the farmers by checking the bad practices by unscrupulous seed companies	Sri K. Surendra Mohan, IAS APC and Secretary to Govt. Agriculture Cooperation Dept

20.12.2025	NSAI/2025/106-108	Suggested measures to ensure the quality of seeds to the farmers by checking the bad practices by unscrupulous seed companies	Sri Budithi Rajsekhar, IAS Ex-Officio Special Chief Secretary to Government Dept., of Agriculture & Cooperation Govt. of Andhra Pradesh Mr. Vikas Chandra Rastogi, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra Dr. Selva Kumar S. IAS., Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department Govt. of Karnataka
02.01.2026	NSAI/2026/001	Representation regarding proposed revision of benchmarks for evaluation and identification of Bt and Non-Bt hybrids and varieties in cotton.	The Director ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur, and ICAR-All India Coordinated Research Project on Cotton, Nagpur
15.01.2026	NSAI/2026/003	Inputs from NSAI on Price Policy for the Kharif Crops for Marketing Season 2026-27	Mr. Cyriac George, Member Secretary, Commission for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
27.01.2026	NSAI/2026/004	Activation of NSAI-SPAs & Resolution of Sathi Portal Related Issues	Mr. M Gunasekaran, Deputy Commissioner Seeds
30.01.2026	NSAI/2026/005	Enforcement of Regulatory Guidelines for Cotton Hybrid Seed Marketing and Sampling Processes to ensure Quality Seed availability to the farmers- request for issuance of guidelines to the states - reg.	Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
03.02.2026	NSAI/2026/006	Request for Consideration of increase of Bt Cotton Seed Price for the year 2026-27	The Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
05.02.2026	NSAI/2026/007	Amendments to Annual and Renewal Fee Structure under PPV\&FR Act, 2001 and Rules - Reg'	The Chairperson Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare,

18.02.2026	NSAI/2026/008	Request for consideration on the critical issue pertaining to the seed industry regarding Bt Cotton Seed Price for the year 2026–27	Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
25.02.2026	NSAI/2026/009-012	Request for Clarification / Exemption of Agricultural Seeds and Conventional Plant Breeding from the Purview of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (as amended in 2023)	Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra Chairperson Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority Dr. Mangi Lal Jat Director General Indian Council for Agriculture Research (ICAR) Mr. Atish Chandra Secretary Dept., of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Mr. Tanmay Kumar Secretary Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
11.03.2026	NSAI/2026/013-017	Request for Ensuring Adequate LPG Supply for Corn Seed Drying During Peak Seed Processing Season Ref: 1. Stoppage of natural gas (LPG) supply to all industries including seed industry due to disruptions arising out of the Iran war – Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas order dated 05.03.2026	Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu Joint Secretary (Seeds) Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Dr. Neeraj Mittal Secretary Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas Govt. of India Sri K Surendra Mohan, IAS APC & Secretary to Govt. Dept., of Agriculture Sri B Rajsekhar, IAS Secretary – Agriculture Department of Agriculture & Marketing Govt. of Andhra Pradesh Dr. B Gopi, IAS Director of Agriculture Govt. of Telangana

12.03.2026	NSAI/2026/018	Request for a meeting to discuss key policy issues concerning the seed sector	Mr. Atish Chandra Ji, Secretary – Agriculture Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
23.03.2026	NSAI/2026/019	Request for a meeting to discuss key seed industry issues concerning the State of Odisha	Mr. Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Government of Odisha
06.04.2026	NSAI/2026/020-021	Restrictions on sale of Truthfully Labelled Seeds and Bt Cotton Seeds in Odisha State – Seed Industry Concerns – regarding.	Mr. Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Government of Odisha Mr. Sachin Ramchandra Jadhav, IAS Commissioner-cum-Secretary Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Empowerment
06.04.2026	NSAI/2026/022	Nomination for the member under the seed industry representative category in PPV&FR Authority under section 3(b)(xi) of the PPV&FR Act -Reg'	Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Chairperson, Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority,
13.04.2026	NSAI/2026/023	Restrictions on sale of Truthfully Labelled Seeds and Bt Cotton Seeds in Odisha State - Seed Industry Concerns - regarding.	Mr. Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Government of Odisha
21.04.2026	NSAI/2026/024	Follow-up representation on HT cotton – urgent reconsideration in view of continued proliferation of illegal seeds	The Chairperson, Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)

24.04.2026	NSAI/2026/025	Request for Reconsideration of Import Permit of Annual/ Italian ryegrass (<i>Lolium multiflorum</i>)	The Joint Secretary, Plant Protection Division (Room 227), Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DAFW),
28.04.2026	NSAI/2026/026	Cotton Productivity Mission – Submissions from the Seeds Industry	The Deputy Director General (Crop Science) Division of Crop Science
30.04.2026	NSAI/2026/027	Request for urgent intervention regarding proposed State-specific Seed Legislation by the Government of Maharashtra	Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu Joint Secretary (Seeds) Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
30.04.2026	NSAI/2026/028	Request for Reconsideration of Import Permit of Annual/ Italian ryegrass (<i>Lolium multiflorum</i>)	Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu Joint Secretary (Seeds) Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
12.05.2026	NSAI/2026/029	Submission of Data on Jute Seed Availability	Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu Joint Secretary (Seeds) Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
18.05.2026	NSAI/2026/030	Request for timely approval of Bt Cotton Seed Sale under Co-Marketing System in Rajasthan	Sh. Naresh Kumar Goyal, IAS Commissioner, Agriculture Department of Agriculture Government of Rajasthan

22.05.2026	NSAI/2026/031-041	Urgent intervention requested to curb the illegal sale of unauthorized Bt cotton seeds and safeguard farmers' interests	Mr. K. Surendra Mohan, I.A.S. APC & Secretary to Government, Agriculture Department of Agriculture, Government of Telangana Mr. Budithi Rajsekhar, Principal Secretary, Government for the Agriculture and Cooperation Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Production Commissioner and Secretary to Government Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Department Mr. Ramesh Chand Meena, IAS Principal Secretary, Agriculture, Farmers Welfare & Co- operation Department Mr. Parimal Singh (IAS) Secretary Agriculture Department Maharashtra. Mr. Nishant Warwade, IAS Secretary Farmers Welfare and Agriculture Development Department Government of Madhya Pradesh Mr. Vijayendra Kumar, IAS Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department in Haryana Mr. Arshdeep Singh Thind, IAS Administrative Secretary Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare, Mrs. Manju Rajpal Principal Secretary (Agriculture & Horticulture) Government of Rajasthan Captain Dr. K. Rajendra, IAS, Secretary Agriculture Department Government of Karnataka Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu Joint Secretary (Seeds) Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
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22.05.2026	NSAI/2026/042	Request regarding breeder seed allotment issues for Kharif 2026-27	Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu Joint Secretary (Seeds) Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
02.06.2026	NSAI/2026/043	Inputs from National Seed Association of India (NSAI) on Price Policy for Rabi Crops Marketing Season 2027-28	Mr. Cyriac George Member Secretary Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP)
02.06.2026	NSAI/2026/044	Restrictions on sale of Truthfully Labelled Seeds and Bt Cotton Seeds in Odisha State – Meeting held with Hon'ble Dy Chief Minister	Mr. Sachin Ramchandra Jadhav, IAS, Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Empowerment,
03.06.2026	NSAI/2026/045	Request for Recommendation of Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare to MoEFCC regarding Clarification on Applicability of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (as amended in 2023) to Conventional Plant Breeding, Agricultural Seeds and Plant Varieties Governed under the PPV&FR Act, 2001	The Secretary Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
03.06.2026	NSAI/2026/046	Follow-up Representation Seeking Clarification on Applicability of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (as amended in 2023) to Conventional Plant Breeding and Agricultural Seed Development	Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra Chairperson Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority
04.06.2026	NSAI/2026/047	Inputs from National Seed Association of India (NSAI) on Price Policy for Rabi Crops Marketing Season 2027-28	Mr. Cyriac George Member Secretary Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP)

08.06.2026	NSAI/2026/048	Request for Finalization of Dates for Regional Orientation Workshops on SATHI Portal and Breeder Seed Management	The Joint Secretary (Seeds) Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
10.06.2026	NSAI/2026/049	Request for Immediate Attention & Intervention for Early Resumption of Export Permissions for Onion Seeds to Bangladesh	Mr. Lav Agarwal Additional Secretary and Director General Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)
17.06.2026	NSAI/2026/050	Request for Allocation of Breeder Seed and Waiver of MoU Fee	Dr. Dilip Kr. Srivastava, Deputy Commissioner, Govt of India,
19.06.2026	NSAI/2026/051	Request for Allocation of Breeder Seed of Paddy Variety Mahamaya	Dr. R. K. Verma Incharge (BSP) Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya,
23.06.2026	NSAI/2026/052	Request for Allocation of Breeder Seed of Finger Millet Variety 'Chhattisgarh Ragi 3' from Surplus	Dr. R. K. Verma Incharge (BSP) Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya
02.07.2026	NSAI/2026/054	Request for Allocation of Breeder Seed of Paddy Varieties Mahamaya and R1	Dr. R. K. Verma Incharge (BSP) Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya,
03.07.2026	NSAI/2026/055	Request for Exemption of MoU/Licensing Fee for Breeder Seed Procurement	Dr. D. K. Srivastava Deputy Commissioner (Pulse Mission) Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
14.07.2026	NSAI/2026/056	Invitation to be our Esteemed Guest during the Inaugural Session of the Workshop on Implementation of the SATHI Portal – 17th July 2026, Kolkata	Mr. Lakshmi Kanta Jana Director of Agriculture & Ex-officio Secretary Department of Agriculture

16.07.2026	NSAI/2026/057	Request for Formulation of Procedures for Breeder Seed Production and Issuance of Breeder Seed Tags by the State Seed Certification Agencies for Notified Varieties Developed by Private Seed Companies under the Seeds Act, 1966- Reg'	The Secretary and Chairman, Central Seed Committee Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare
17.07.2026	NSAI/2026/058	Proposed State-level Centralized Online Contactless and Faceless Module for Seed Variety Registration for Streamlining of seed licensing and registration processes in Rajasthan	Sh. Naresh Kumar Goyal, IAS Commissioner, Agriculture Department of Agriculture Government of Rajasthan
27.07.2026	NSAI/2026/061-062	Proposal for a Special Seed Industry Liquidity Support Scheme arising out of severe El Niño to protect seed grower farmers and ensure uninterrupted supply of quality seed to Indian agriculture.	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman Hon'ble Union Minister for Finance Government of India Mr. Shivraj Singh Chouhan Hon'ble Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare Government of India
01.08.2026	NSAI/2026/063	Proposal for a Special Seed Industry Liquidity Support Scheme arising out of severe El Niño to protect seed grower farmers and ensure uninterrupted supply of quality seed to Indian agriculture.	The Convener State Level Bankers Committee Hyderabad
03.08.2026	NSAI/2026/064	Request for Special Government Intervention to Facilitate Immediate Payment to Seed Grower Farmers through a Seed Industry Liquidity Support Scheme	Hon'ble Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu Chief Minister Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati

05.08.2026	NSAI/2026/065	Request for Special Government Intervention to Facilitate Immediate Payment to Seed Grower Farmers through a Seed Industry Liquidity Support Scheme	Hon'ble Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu Chief Minister Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati
11.08.2026	NSAI/2026/066	Policy Recommendations for Strengthening the National Cotton Mission to Enhance Cotton Productivity, Farmer Prosperity, Textile Competitiveness and Edible Oil Security	Hon'ble Prime Minister Government of India New Delhi

VI. EVENTS/ WORKSHOPS/CONFERENCES/ WEBINARS

i. Technical session on “Harmonization of Laws Relating to Seed Sector” organized by NSAI on 22nd August 2025 in NASC Complex, New Delhi

A technical session on “Harmonization of Laws Relating to Seed Sector” was organized by NSAI on 22nd August 2025 in NASC Complex, New Delhi, bringing together key stakeholders from government, industry, and academia. Dr. B.B. Pattanaik opened the session by emphasizing the need for simplified, transparent, and unified seed regulations, highlighting the “One Nation, One License” initiative. Dr. M. Prabhakar Rao stressed reforming existing laws like the Seeds Act, PPV&FR Act, and Biodiversity Act to remove redundancies and support innovation, while also calling for prompt HT cotton approvals and stronger digital monitoring through the SATHI Portal. Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu highlighted upcoming digital initiatives such as SEED ADHAAR, AI-driven QR codes, and the Vistaar Platform to empower farmers with real-time information.

Dr. P.K. Singh flagged the high prevalence of illegal seeds and proposed trait benchmarks, star ratings, and a Mega Seed Registry. Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra supported legal harmonization and stronger enforcement, emphasizing the role of farmers and private companies in strengthening the sector. Experts also

called for modernization of seed laws, improved testing infrastructure, and better coordination among central and state authorities. The session concluded with a consensus on the urgent need for a harmonized legal framework, digital integration, and collaborative efforts to boost the Indian seed industry.



ii. 14th Indian Seed Congress (ISC) 2026 from February 26–28, 2026, at Duangjitt Resort & Spa, Phuket, Thailand

The National Seed Association of India (NSAI) successfully organized the 14th Indian Seed Congress (ISC) 2026 from February 26–28, 2026, at Duangjitt Resort & Spa, Phuket, Thailand. The Congress witnessed the participation of 312 delegates, including professionals from the Indian and global seed and allied industry, eminent researchers from public and private organizations, agri-professionals and government officials. Dr P. K. Singh, Agriculture Commissioner, MoA&FW, as Chief Guest, graced the inaugural session held on February 27, 2026, in the esteemed presence of Dr A. K. Singh, Emeritus Professor, IARI, New Delhi, as Guest of Honour.

The Congress featured addresses by distinguished experts, including Dr P. K. Singh, Agriculture Commissioner, DAFW; Dr A. K. Singh, Former Director, IARI; Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary (Seed), DAFW; Dr Ravi Khetarpal, ED, APARI; Dr S. Rajendra Prasad, Former Vice Chancellor, UAS, Bengaluru, Advisor, IFFCO Beej

Anusandhan Sansthan and Mr. Chetan Joshi, MD, BBSSL. A CEO conclave, as a pre-ISC event, was organized on February 26, 2026, which was participated in by Heads/CEOs of leading Seed and Allied sector organizations. Key speakers included Ms RITI MD, Mr. Devender Sharma, Ms Kirti Hegde and Mr. Devendra, from RMC Mileage and Mr. Ram Kaundinya, Partner, AgVaya. They enlightened the audience by sharing insights from their extensive experience in leadership and team-building activities, along with their deep knowledge of the subject.



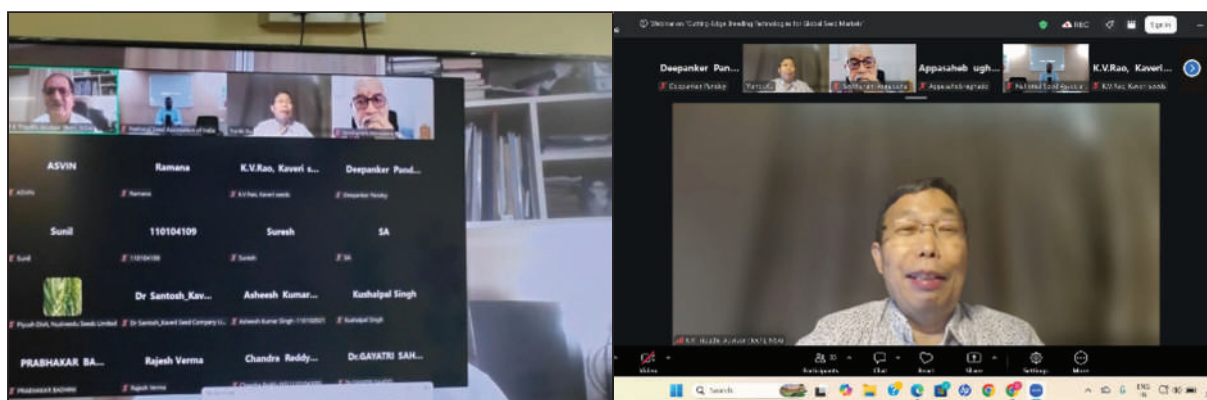
Over the subsequent two days of the Congress, i.e. on 27th and 28th February, 2026, the event witnessed vibrant interactions, business dealings, and closed group meetings through exhibition stalls by national and multinational seed and allied companies, B2B trading tables, industry business showcases, and focused interactions with international associations, including the Taiwan Seed Trade Association and the Bangladesh Seed Association. Four technical sessions conducted during the event

featured high-quality deliberations by leading scientists and industry experts, addressing key issues relevant to the advancement of the seed sector. The Congress also witnessed significant participation from young seed entrepreneurs alongside experienced professionals from enterprises of varying scales. The exhibition and trading platforms served as dynamic spaces for networking and business engagement, with participants expressing happiness with substantial opportunities for collaboration and growth, reflecting the overall success and impact of ISC 2026.

iii. Webinar on “Cutting Edge Breeding Technologies for Global Seed Markets” on May, 28, 2026

The National Seed Association of India (NSAI) successfully organized a webinar on “Cutting Edge Breeding Technologies for Global Seed Markets” on May, 28, 2026, at 11:00 AM. A total of 412 participants registered for the webinar, including NSAI members, seed industry experts, researchers, academicians, and students.

The webinar featured Dr. Yunbi Xu, Senior Research Professor, Peking University Institute of Advanced Agricultural Sciences (PKU-IAAS), China, as the keynote speaker, while Dr. Seetharam Annadana, Chief Technology Officer, Nuziveedu Seeds Ltd., moderated the session.



In his presentation, Dr. Xu highlighted transformative technologies shaping modern plant breeding, including genomics, double haploid (DH) technology, genome editing, speed breeding, and precision agriculture. He explained how AI-driven breeding, machine learning, and big data analytics are accelerating genetic gain, improving breeding efficiency, and enhancing food security.

Dr. Xu emphasized the growing role of CRISPR/Cas9-based genome editing, speed breeding, and intelligent “Smart Breeding” systems that integrate genomic, phenotypic, and environmental data for faster and more accurate crop improvement.

He also introduced Breeding GPT, an AI-powered platform developed at PKU-IAAS to support gene analysis, breeding design, literature retrieval, and decision-making in crop improvement. During the interactive Q&A session, Dr. Xu addressed participants' questions on crop yield potential, speed breeding in photosensitive crops, and future breeding strategies. He noted that while AI will transform plant breeding, it will complement rather than replace plant breeders.

The webinar concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. R.K. Tripathi, Advisor (Technical), NSAI, who appreciated Dr. Xu for sharing valuable insights and thanked participants for their active engagement. The event reinforced the importance of integrating AI, genomics, and advanced breeding technologies to drive the future growth of the global seed industry.

iv. Workshop on the Implementation of the SATHI Portal on June 30, 2026, in Hyderabad

The National Seed Association of India (NSAI), in collaboration with the Seedsmen Association (SMA), Hyderabad, successfully organized a Workshop on the Implementation of the SATHI Portal on June 30, 2026, in Hyderabad. The workshop brought together representatives from the seed industry, government departments, and technical experts to deliberate on the implementation and operationalization of the SATHI Portal. Mr. Chunduri Rambabu and Mr. K. Praveen Kumar, Governing Council Members of NSAI, were also present during the programme.

The workshop commenced with the inaugural session marked by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by a welcome address by Mr. G.N.V. Ramakrishna, President, SMA. The session was graced by Mr. Ajeet Kumar Sahu, Joint Secretary (Seeds), Department of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare (DA&FW), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmer's Welfare (MoA&FW), Government of India; Mr. Binod Giri, Deputy Commissioner (Seeds), DA&FW, MoA&FW; and Dr. M. Prabhakar Rao, President, NSAI. In their addresses, the dignitaries emphasized the transformative role of the SATHI Portal in enhancing transparency, traceability, and digital governance within the Indian seed sector. They highlighted the importance of close collaboration between the government and the seed industry to ensure the successful implementation of the portal across the country.

The technical sessions were conducted by Dr Vikrant Singh, Joint Director (Seeds), MoA&FW, along with Mr. Deepak Nayak and Mr. Pranil Kakde from the National Informatics Centre (NIC). The experts provided participants with comprehensive

insights into the functionality, implementation strategy, and operational aspects of the SATHI Portal. Mr. Deepak Nayak presented the objectives and key features of the SATHI Initiative and explained Phase I – Truthfully Labelled (TL) Seed Data Onboarding Process. He elaborated on the portal's implementation framework and conducted a live demonstration of the Rapid Flow Implementation, showcasing API-based integration with Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems for seamless digital data exchange.

Mr. Pranil Kakde delivered a detailed presentation on Phase II of the portal, covering inventory management, invoicing, data upload procedures, and opportunities for ERP integration. He also demonstrated the end-to-end seed distribution workflow from Seed Processing Agencies (SPAs) to dealers and farmers, highlighting API-based integration with Tally and other ERP software platforms. The workshop concluded with an interactive discussion during which participants sought clarifications on various operational aspects of the portal. Through expert presentations, live demonstrations, and technical interactions, the programme provided stakeholders with valuable knowledge and practical guidance for the effective implementation and utilization of the SATHI Portal, thereby supporting the Government of India's vision of a transparent, efficient, and digitally enabled seed ecosystem.



v. Workshop on the Implementation of the SATHI Portal organized on July 17, 2026, at the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata, West Bengal

The Workshop on the Implementation of the SATHI Portal was organized on July 17,

2026, at the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Kolkata, West Bengal, with the objective of creating awareness and building the technical capacity of seed stakeholders for effective implementation of the Government of India's SATHI (Seed Authentication, Traceability and Holistic Inventory) Portal. The workshop brought together representatives from the seed industry, government departments, and technical experts to deliberate on the implementation and operationalization of the SATHI Portal.

The inaugural session was graced by senior officials, Dr. Sonu Kumar Chaudhary, Senior Technical Assistant, from the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (MoA&FW), Sh. Avinash Pedgoankar, Senior Director (IT) and Sh. Deepak Nayak, Project Manager (Phase I) from National Informatics Centre (NIC), Sh. Arijit Ghosh, President, Seedsmen Association of Bengal, Sh. Jyotirmoy Guha, President, Seed Association of Bengal and Sh. Rajarshi Kundu, Seed Producers Welfare Association. Dr. M. Prabhakar Rao, President (NSAI), joined virtually and in his address, he highlighted the pivotal role of the SATHI initiative in driving the digital transformation of the seed sector, with a focus on strengthening seed authentication and traceability, enhancing transparency, and establishing an efficient and integrated inventory management system across the seed supply chain.

The technical sessions focused on providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of the SATHI Portal and its phased implementation. The discussions covered the vision and impact of the SATHI initiative, the process of onboarding Truthfully Labelled (TL) seed data under Phase I, inventory management and invoicing under Phase II, data upload procedures, and opportunities for integration of company ERP systems with the portal. Industry concerns and implementation challenges were also discussed through an interactive question-and-answer session.

Sh. Deepak Nayak provided live demonstrations of the portal, enabling participants to understand the end-to-end workflow of seed inventory management and supply chain operations. The demonstrations included rapid implementation of Phase I, API integration with ERP systems, movement of seed through Seed Producing Agencies (SPAs), dealers and farmers, and API-based integration with Tally and other ERP packages. Operational issues raised by participants were addressed during the concluding interactive Q and A session.

Sh. Avinash Padgaonkar highlighted that the SATHI Portal serves as a single comprehensive digital platform for the seed ecosystem with three primary

objectives: Seed Authentication, Traceability, and Holistic Inventory Management. Phase II of the portal enables real-time inventory monitoring, tracking of individual seed bag movement through the authorized distribution network, enforcement support, and improved visibility of seed availability from the producer to the farmer.

Participants were also introduced to the complete seed inventory workflow involving Seed Producing Agencies, Seed Processing Plants, dealers, retailers, and the Department of Agriculture. The training included demonstrations of key operational features such as delivery challans, stock returns, retail sales, barcode scanning, mobile application usage, and infrastructure requirements for implementation. The sessions emphasized the use of barcode-based traceability, rapid scanning, and cost-effective deployment for seamless digital management of seed movement. Dr. Sonu Chaudhary underlined the importance of active participation by seed companies and other stakeholders in ensuring timely and accurate data onboarding, which is essential for the effective functioning of the portal. During the interactive session, he addressed various queries raised by participants regarding operational procedures, compliance requirements, and practical aspects of portal implementation.

Overall, the workshop significantly enhanced participants' understanding of the operational, technical, and compliance aspects of the SATHI Portal. It provided practical guidance on portal usage, inventory management, ERP integration, and digital traceability, while also offering a platform for stakeholders to seek clarifications on implementation challenges and strengthen preparedness for nationwide adoption of the SATHI system. delivered vote of thanks. The workshop concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Dr. Deepanker Pandey, Deputy Director, NSAI, wherein sincere gratitude was extended to the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, National Informatics Centre (NIC), and all distinguished dignitaries, resource persons, and participants for their valuable contributions to the success of the programme. He encouraged the participants for their collective commitment towards the effective implementation of the SATHI Portal for strengthening transparency, traceability, and efficiency in India's seed sector.



VII. NSAI IN NEWS/NEWS LINKS

1. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurates Asian Seed Congress 2025 Organized by APSA in association with NSAI and FSII in Mumbai <https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2190808®=48&lang=2>
2. Agriculture Minister Urges Private Sector to Make Quality Seeds Affordable for Indian Farmers

https://www.global-agriculture.com/india-region/at-asian-seed-congress-2025-agriculture-minister-urges-private-sector-to-make-quality-seeds-affordable-for-indian-farmers/#google_vignette

VIII. HUMAN RESOURCE

i. NSAI Secretariat Further Strengthened with Induction of one New Officer

NSAI secretariat was strengthened with the joining of Ms. Vanshika Bisht as an Office Executive on July 1, 2026. Ms. Vanshika Bisht is a passionate and aspiring Data Science Analyst with a strong foundation in Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Computer Vision. She has acquired valuable industry experience as a Computer Vision Intern at AURA-AI Tech Solutions Private Limited, where she contributed to the development of advanced computer vision and deep learning solutions. Her work involved dataset preparation and annotation, object detection, document layout analysis, multilingual document processing, model training, evaluation, and performance optimization. Driven by curiosity and a commitment to continuous learning, she



(Ms.Vanshika Bisht)

is eager to leverage data-driven technologies to solve real-world challenges and deliver impactful AI solutions. Alongside her technical interests, she has actively participated in college activities and organized various events, including TEDx events, workshops, and other student-led initiatives. She also enjoys writing blogs, which has helped her strengthen her communication, creativity, and writing skills. Her technical skills include Python, OpenCV, YOLO, PyTorch, TensorFlow, Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn, Power BI, Excel, Git & GitHub. She is the author of the book *"The Words You Couldn't Give Voice To"*, which has been approved under Yukti – National Innovation Repository, Ministry of Education, Government of India. The book is currently awaiting publication. She has also contributed to computer vision solutions supporting IIT startup competitions. She is a quick learner with strong problem-solving, communication, teamwork, and organizational skills, and aspires to build a career in Data Science, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Computer Vision.

ii. NSAI Bids farewell

Ms. Celeste Sarah Varghese, Office Executive, , after completing their 1 year service in NSAI got relieved from NSAI Secretariat on 4th June, 2026. NSAI acknowledges exemplary service rendered by her and wishes her all the best.



iii. NSAI pays tribute to Late Mr. Stantosh Kumar, Office Attendant, NSAI

NSAI pays tribute to Late Mr. Santosh Kumar, Office Attendant, NSAI, who passed away on 14th August, 2026.

Mr. Santosh Kumar was an integral and valued member of the NSAI family. He will always be remembered for his **sincerity, dedication, humility, and helpful nature. NSAI extends its deepest and heartfelt condolences to his family and loved ones during this difficult time.** May they find strength, courage, and comfort in the memories of his life.



IX. SPONSORSHIP OF PROGRAMS

- i. NSAI contribution to CM Relief Fund of Maharashtra on 22nd October, 2025
- ii. Global Conference on Women in Agri Food System organized by Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS) from 12-14 March, 2026 at New Delhi. NSAI sponsored the event.
- iii. National Oilseed Conference, held on 6–8 February, 2026 at IARI New Delhi. NSAI sponsored the Conference.

X. AUDIT REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the attached **Balance Sheet** of **National Seed Association of India (NSAI)** as at **31st March 2026**, and the **Income & Expenditure Account**, for the year ended on that date, which are prepared by the Association based on the books of accounts maintained.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements:

The management of the Association is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles applicable to non-profit organizations and the provisions of the Societies Registration Act, 1860. This responsibility includes the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibility:

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in India. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

Opinion:

In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the explanations given to us, the financial statements give a **true and fair view**:

1. In the case of the **Balance Sheet**, of the state of affairs of the Association as at **31st March 2026**;
2. In the case of the **Income and Expenditure Account**, of the **excess of income over expenditure** (or vice versa) for the year ended on that date;

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements:

1. The Association has maintained proper books of accounts as required by law.

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2. We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.
3. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Association so far as appears from our examination of those books.
4. The Balance Sheet, and Income & Expenditure Account, dealt with by this Report are in agreement with the books of account.

For S A K G & CO
(Chartered Accountants)

Date: - 1st August 2026

Place: - New Delhi

Sd/-
(Shikha Gupta)
Partner
UDIN NO : 26501003FPRSXH2978
Mem. No. 501003
FRN 000776N

NATIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March, 2026

(Amount in Rs.)				
	Particulars	Note	31 March 2026	31 March 2025
I	Sources of Funds			
1	NPO Funds	3		
(a)	Unrestricted Funds		10,80,46,334	11,43,18,972
(b)	Restricted Funds			
			10,80,46,334	11,43,18,972
2	Non-current liabilities			
(a)	Long-term provisions	4	10,00,000	10,00,000
			10,00,000	10,00,000
3	Current liabilities			
(a)	Payables	5	3,35,955	-
(b)	Other current liabilities	6	18,13,963	1,72,960
			21,49,918	1,72,960
	Total		11,11,96,252	11,54,91,932
II	Application of Funds			
1	Non-current assets			
(a)	Property, Plant and Equipment and Intangible assets	7		
(i)	Property, Plant and Equipment		1,50,00,557	1,65,34,527
(ii)	Intangible assets		-	-
(b)	Non-current investments	8	40,000	40,000
(c)	Long Term Loans and Advances	9	54,230	54,230
			1,50,94,787	1,66,28,757
2	Current assets			
(a)	Receivables	10	4,80,000	-
(b)	Cash and bank balances	11	8,38,33,022	9,12,01,201
(c)	Short Term Loans and Advances	9	44,45,164	7,17,014
(d)	Other Current Assets	12	73,43,279	69,44,960
			9,61,01,465	9,88,63,175
	Total		11,11,96,252	11,54,91,932
	Brief about the Entity	1		
	Summary of significant accounting policies	2		
	The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements			

As per our report of even date

For SAKG & CO
(Chartered Accountants)

For National Seed Association of India

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(Advisor Technical)

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(President)

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Sd/-
(Treasurer)

Place :New Delhi
Date :- 01-August-2026

NATIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION OF INDIA

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Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March, 2026

(Amount in Rs.)

	Particulars	Note	31 March 2026	31 March 2025
			Total	Total
I	Income			
(a)	Membership Fee Received		71,39,600	83,28,477
(b)	Contribution for Magazines / Hand Book / Website		76,400	10,000
(c)	Processing Fee		70,000	30,000
(d)	Delegate Registration Fees		69,14,500	90,68,561
(e)	Sponsorship Fee Received		62,20,000	56,50,000
(f)	Exhibition & Trading Table		28,56,000	32,74,400
II	Other Income	13	63,70,301	65,49,955
III	Total Income (I+II)		2,96,46,801	3,29,11,393
IV	Expenses:			
(a)	Employee benefits expense	14	47,78,546	45,05,290
(b)	Depreciation and amortization expense	15	17,83,697	18,83,324
(c)	Finance costs	16	16,958	12,900
(d)	Conference Expenses	17	1,96,85,095	1,52,58,323
(e)	Other expenses	18	96,94,144	86,11,027
(f)	Other Expenses (specify nature)			
	Total expenses		3,59,58,439	3,02,70,864
V	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year before exceptional and extraordinary items (III- IV)		-63,11,638	26,40,529
VI	Exceptional items		-	-
VII	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year before extraordinary items (V-VI)		-63,11,638	26,40,529
VIII	Extraordinary Items		-	-
IX	Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year (VII-VIII)		-63,11,638	26,40,529
	Appropriations Transfer to funds, e.g., Building fund			
	Transfer from funds			
	Balance transferred to General Fund		-63,11,638	26,40,529
	The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements			

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NATIONAL SEED ASSOCIATION OF INDIA**Regd. Office :- 909, SURYA KIRAN BUILDING, KASTURBA GANDHI MARG, NEW DELHI-110001.****Notes forming part of the Financial Statements for the year ended, 31st March, 2026****Note - 1 Brief****about the entity**

The National Seed Association of India (NSAI), the apex body representing the Indian seed industry, plays a pivotal leadership role by actively engaging with national and state governments, as well as regulatory bodies. NSAI advocates for the seed sector's interests and strives to foster economic development by promoting a conducive and progressive policy environment for the growth of the Indian seed industry.

The continued support and patronage of its members have empowered NSAI to intensify its efforts toward ensuring inclusive growth for all stakeholders in the seed value chain. This enhanced effectiveness is clearly reflected in NSAI's proactive involvement with policymakers, who not only recognize the association's crucial role but also value and respect the perspectives it brings to various policy forums.

Conferences, seminars, and workshops organized by NSAI are highly anticipated events in the seed industry calendar, known for their rich scientific content and meaningful discourse. Over the years, NSAI's visibility and credibility have grown significantly, leading to an increasing demand for its logo to be featured at agricultural exhibitions and conferences, as a symbol of trust and excellence in the seed sector.

Note - 2 Significant Accounting Policies					
Note - 3 NPOs Funds					
(Amount in Rs.)					
Sr. No.	Particulars	As at 1st April 2025 (Opening Balance)	Funds transferred/received during the year	Funds Utilised during the year	As at 31st March 2026 (Closing Balance)
(A)	Unrestricted Funds				
1	Corpus Funds	3,39,05,321	39,000	-	3,39,44,321
2	General Funds	8,04,13,651	-63,11,638	-	7,41,02,013
			-62,72,638	-	10,80,46,334
Previous Year (PY)			26,70,529	-	11,43,18,972

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(Amount in Rs.)

4	Provisions	Long term		Short term	
		31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25
(a)	Provision for employee benefits				
(b)	Other provisions				
	Provision for Income Tax	-	-	-	-
		10,00,000	10,00,000	-	-
	Total Provisions	10,00,000	10,00,000	-	-
5	Payables			31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25
(a)	ISC - Payable			2,83,241	
(b)	Total outstanding dues of Employees			52,714	-
	Total payables			3,35,955	-
6	Other current liabilities			31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25
(a)	Expenses Payable			14,28,206	87,200
(b)	TDS payable			1,39,793	66,702
(c)	Advance from Member – Argentina Study Trip			2,25,000	-
(d)	EPFO payable			20,964	19,058
	Total Other current liabilities			18,13,963	1,72,960

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PARTICULARS OF DEPRECIATION AS PER THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961 FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2026

Note - 7

Block of Asset	Rate of Dep.	Opening Balance as on 04-01-2025	Additions		Deletions	Total	Depreciation on Opening balance and additions made in first half as reduced by deletions [(3)+(4)-(6)] x (2)	Depreciation on the additions made in the second half (5) x (2) x 50%	Total Depreciation	Written down Value as on 31-03-2026
			More than 180 days	Less than 180 days						
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)
Amt Rs	Amt Rs	Amt Rs	Amt Rs	Amt Rs	Amt Rs	Amt Rs	Amt Rs	Amt Rs	Amt Rs	Amt Rs
Computers	40%	49,449	2,49,727	-	-	2,99,176	1,19,670	-	1,19,670	1,79,505
NSAI Website	25%	49,003	-	-	-	49,003	12,251	-	12,251	36,753
Furniture & Fix.	10%	1,65,027	-	-	-	1,65,027	16,503	-	16,503	1,48,525
Mobile Phone	15%	5,109	-	-	-	5,109	766	-	766	4,342
Inverter	15%	8,529	-	-	-	8,529	1,279	-	1,279	7,250
Digital Camera	15%	2,278	-	-	-	2,278	342	-	342	1,936
Building	10%	1,61,07,686	-	-	-	1,61,07,686	16,10,769	-	16,10,769	1,44,96,917
Room Heaters	15%	3,133	-	-	-	3,133	470	-	470	2,663
LG Fridge	15%	956	-	-	-	956	143	-	143	812
Biometric & Face Reader	15%	2,552	-	-	-	2,552	383	-	383	2,169
TV	15%	60,005	-	-	-	60,005	9,001	-	9,001	51,004
Xerox Machine	15%	16,864	-	-	-	16,864	2,530	-	2,530	14,334
Airconditioner	15%	33,707	-	-	-	33,707	5,056	-	5,056	28,651
Whirlpool Refrigerator	15%	21,451	-	-	-	21,451	3,218	-	3,218	18,233
Voltas Water Dispenser	15%	8,778	-	-	-	8,778	1,317	-	1,317	7,462
Previous Year		1,65,34,527	2,49,727	-	-	1,67,84,254	17,83,697	-	17,83,697	1,50,00,557
		1,83,85,171	-	32,680	-	1,84,17,851	18,80,873	2,451	18,83,324	1,65,34,527

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(Amount in Rs.)

8		Investments - Non Current and Current	As at 31 March 2026	As at 31 March 2025	As at 31 March 2025			
		(valued at historical cost unless stated otherwise)	Numbers/ Units/ Shares	Numbers/ Units/ Shares	Book Value			
(a)	Trade Investments - Unquoted							
	Investments in Agriculture Skill Council of India		40,000		40,000			
	Total Investments		40,000		40,000			
9	A (Secured)	Loans and advances	Long Term		Short Term			
			31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25		
			(a)	-	-	16,596	20,000	
			(ii)	54,230	54,230			
				54,230	54,230	-	-	
	Total (a)+(b) (A)		54,230	54,230	16,596	20,000		
	B	Loans and advances (Unsecured)	Long Term		Short Term			
			31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25	31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25		
			(a)					
			(i)	-	-	-	-	
				-	-	-	-	
			(b)	-	-	44,28,568	6,97,014	
			Total (a)+(b) (B)		-	-	44,28,568	6,97,014
			Total (A + B)		54,230	54,230	44,45,164	7,17,014
			10	Receivables			31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25
(a)					ISC 2025	4,80,000	-	
(b)	Others (specify nature)	-			-			
	4,80,000	-						
Outstanding for a period exceeding 6 months from the date they are due for receipt		-			-			
Total			4,80,000	-				
11	Cash and Bank Balances			31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25			
		A						
		Cash and cash equivalents						
		(a)	On Bank Accounts (Working note 1)	16,65,017	18,35,190			
		(b)	Cash credit account (Debit balance)					
		(c)	Fixed Deposits with SBI New Delhi	8,20,92,482	8,92,81,368			
		(d)	Cash on hand	75,523	84,643			
		Total		8,38,33,022	9,12,01,201			
		Total Cash and bank balances		8,38,33,022	9,12,01,201			
		Bank Balances :		31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25			
- Axis Bank - A/c No 910010038726836		27,767	27,064					
- Bank of Baroda - A/c No 06230100010660		10,46,320	3,31,043					
- Bank of Baroda - A/c No 0623010100008657		-5,67,959	4,73,998					
- Bank of Baroda ISC - Flexi Fixed Deposit Account		4,95,000	1,12,000					
- State Bank of India - ISC A/c		6,63,889	8,91,085					
TOTAL		16,65,017	18,35,190					
12	Other current assets			31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25			
		(a)	Interest accrued but not due on deposits (SBI Fixed Deposit)	31,78,853	34,47,692			
		(b)	TDS Receivable	41,64,426	34,97,268			
		Total		73.43.279	69.44.960			

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(Amount in Rs.)			
13	Other income	31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25
(a)	Interest on Deposits-Gross (Including Sweep - in A/c)	47,47,768	63,79,955
(b)	License fee Received - Gujrat Office	12,000	12,000
(c)	Service Charges - APSA 2025	56,000	-
(d)	Share of Profit 50 %- Asian Seed Congress 2025	12,54,532	-
(e)	Adminstrative Charges from ASC 2025	3,00,000	-
(f)	Other income	-	1,58,000
	Total other income	63,70,301	65,49,955
14	Employee benefits expense	31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25
	(Including contract labour)		
(a)	Salaries, wages, bonus and other allowances	44,11,552	42,10,581
(b)	Staff welfare expenses	3,66,994	2,94,709
	Total Employee benefits expense	47,78,546	45,05,290
15	Finance cost	31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25
(i)	Bank Charges	16,958	12,900
		-	-
	Total Finance cost	16,958	12,900
16	Depreciation and amortization expense	31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25
(a)	on tangible assets (Refer note 9)	17,83,697	18,83,324
(b)	on intangible assets	-	-
	Total Depreciation and amortization expense	17,83,697	18,83,324
17	Conference Expenses	31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25
(a)	Conference Expenses	1,96,85,095	1,52,58,323
		-	-
		1,96,85,095	1,52,58,323
18	Other Expenses	31-Mar-26	31-Mar-25
(a)	Payment to Auditors	47,200	47,200
(b)	Books & Perodicals	12,833	14,645
(c)	Communication	4,03,232	2,77,922
(d)	Computer Maintenance	28,576	28,450
(e)	Festival Expenses	2,53,011	2,06,306
(f)	Legal & Professional Charges	33,85,531	30,72,677
(g)	Membership & Subscription	17,50,655	15,64,909
(h)	Insurance	-	28,408
(i)	Office Maintenece	3,43,123	3,14,817
(j)	Printing & Stationery	4,47,337	2,44,202
(k)	Publications Expenses	1,73,318	2,31,672
(l)	Provision for Income Tax / Income Tax Paid	-	51,013
(m)	Travelling & Conveyance Expenses	6,44,438	9,09,551
(n)	Sponsorship Charges	8,23,185	12,03,000
(o)	Workshop Expenses	-	1,39,176
(p)	Website Maintainance Expenses	1,01,362	1,01,362
(q)	Water & Electricity	1,66,295	1,75,717
(r)	CM Relief Fund Contribution	11,00,000	-
(s)	Rate & taxes	6,189	-
(t)	Foreign exchange fluctuation	7,859	-
	Total	96,94,144	86,11,027

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Note 2: Notes annexed thereto and forming part of the Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2026 and Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date.

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- (1) Basis of Accounting:
The Accounts are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in India and on the principle of going concern.

All incomes and expenses are accounted for on mixed basis i.e. some expenses are accounted for on mercantile basis while others are accounted for on cash basis. Accounts of various projects/seminars/conference have been taken into same books of accounts.
- (2) Fixed Assets and Depreciation:
All the fixed assets have been stated at cost of acquisition less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided on written down value methods as per provisions of Income Tax Act, 1961 and rates prescribed under Income Tax Rules, 1961:
- (3) Retirement Benefits:
Provision for Gratuity has not been made, as the Association has no statutory liability to pay the same.
- (5) Material Events
Material events occurring after the Balance Sheet date are taken into cognizance.

II. NOTES ON ACCOUNTS

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|----|-----------------------|--|
| 1) | Payment to Auditor's: | |
| | Statutory Audit fees | Rs. 40,000/- <i>(Previous year 40,000)</i> |
| | | <i>(40,000 plus GST @ 18% 7200 = 47,200)</i> |
| | | ----- |
| | | Rs. 40,000 |

- 2) Previous year's figures are re-classified/re-grouped wherever necessary to make comparable with the current year's figures.
- 3) In the opinion of the management and to the best of their knowledge and belief, current assets, loan and advances have a value on realization in the ordinary course at least equal to the amount at which they are stated in the Balance Sheet.
- 4) Security Deposits, etc. and other liabilities are subject to confirmation by other parties.
- 5) There is a contingent liability amounting to Rs 3,39,701/- (Three lakh thirty-nine thousand seven hundred one only) in respect of a court case filed by an ex-employee.

As per our report of even date

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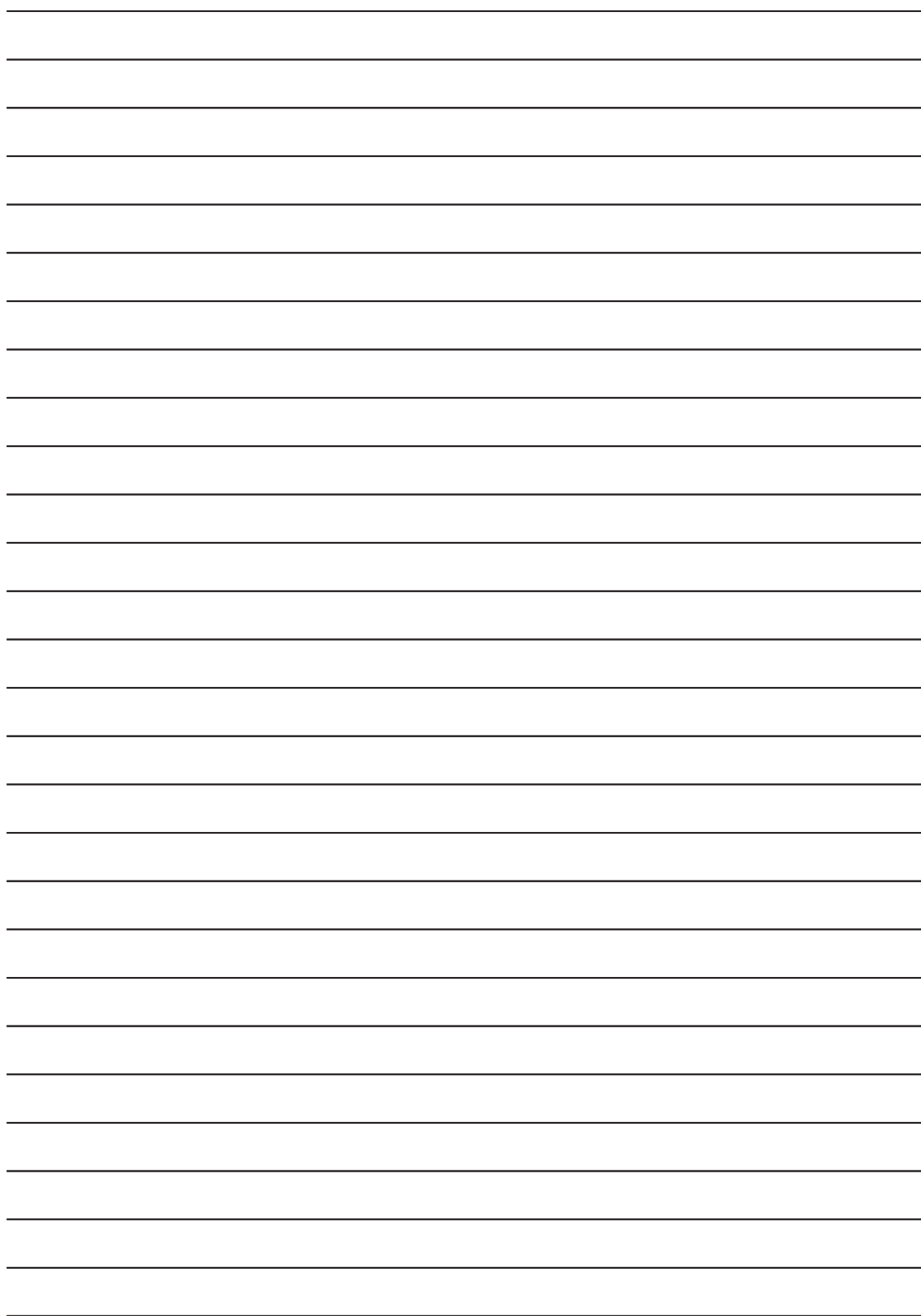
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