

**Agrinnovate India Ltd., New Delhi and
ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (ICAR-CIFE), Mumbai
organizes ICAR-CSR & Technology Portfolio Roadshow Series 2026 on 1/7/2026**

Agrinnovate India Ltd., New Delhi and ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (ICAR-CIFE), Mumbai, organized the ICAR-CSR & Technology Portfolio Roadshow Series 2026 on 1/7/26 at ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai in hybrid mode bringing together ICAR institutions, CSR organizations, companies, industry representatives, agri-tech platforms, startups, and other stakeholders to explore collaborative pathways for scaling agricultural technologies and creating field-level impact.

The programme witnessed the participation of 138 participants, including 86 offline and 52 online participants. Among the offline participants, 34 were CSR/company representatives representing 28 companies, along with 52 ICAR participants. Among the online participants, 25 were CSR/company representatives representing 5 companies, along with 27 ICAR participants. The strong participation reflected the growing interest of CSR and industry stakeholders in partnering with ICAR for technology dissemination, farmer outreach, rural development, and sustainable agricultural transformation.

The programme commenced with the ICAR Geet, followed by the welcome address delivered by Dr. N. P. Sahu, Director, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai. In his address, he welcomed the dignitaries, ICAR officials, institute heads, CSR representatives, company representatives, and participants, and highlighted the importance of linking ICAR's scientific capabilities and outreach systems with CSR-driven development and industry collaboration. A video showcasing the work, scope, and contribution of ICAR was also presented to the stakeholders.

A detailed presentation on ICAR Capabilities and CSR Funding was delivered by Dr. Praveen Malik, CEO, Agrinnovate India Ltd., who emphasized ICAR's potential to contribute to social impact, income enhancement of rural farmers and entrepreneurs, and sustainable rural transformation. He highlighted ICAR's extensive national network, including 114+ institutes, 151 regional stations, 730+ Krishi Vigyan Kendras, and linkages with more than 80 agricultural universities under the National Agricultural Research and Education System. He also emphasized that ICAR can contribute to 13 Sustainable Development Goals and beyond, making it a strong platform for CSR partnerships.

The technology portfolio presentations focused on five major thematic areas. Dr. K. Sammi Reddy, Director, ICAR-NIASM, Baramati, presented on Climate Proofing of Indian Agriculture, highlighting the need for scalable climate-resilient solutions, especially for small and marginal farmers. Dr. M. Mohanty, Director, ICAR-IISS, Bhopal, spoke on Soil Health Improvement through Nature-Based Solutions and Crop Diversification, emphasizing the importance of restoring soil health, reducing fertilizer dependency, and promoting field-validated technologies. Dr. Dilip Ghosh, Director, ICAR-Central Citrus Research Institute, Nagpur, presented on Agriculture for Health, stressing the role of nutrition-sensitive agriculture and the need to address micronutrient deficiencies through collaborative interventions. Dr. K. V. Prasad, Director, ICAR-Directorate of Floriculture Research, Pune, spoke on Agriculture Skilling, highlighting the need to create trained agri-technicians and strengthen rural entrepreneurship. The theme Women in Agriculture and Extension emphasized the need to bring women's contribution to the forefront through women-friendly technologies, skilling, entrepreneurship, and inclusive extension approaches.

The programme also included the Book and Technology Portfolio Release and felicitation of Shri Sandeep Sarkar, AS (DARE) and Financial Advisor, ICAR. In his address, Shri Sarkar emphasized the need for clarity in institutional collaboration, stating that partners should know whom to contact for specific technical and sectoral needs. He underlined the importance of linking CSR and industry partners with the relevant

specialized ICAR institutes to convert field-level and industry-level challenges into applied research and practical solutions.

The formal morning session concluded with the vote of thanks delivered by Dr. K. N. Mohanta, Joint Director (Acting), ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai, who acknowledged the contributions of the speakers, ICAR leadership, CSR partners, company representatives, and participants.

The afternoon brainstorming session, chaired by Shri Sandeep Sarkar, enabled one-to-one interaction between Heads of ICAR institutes and CSR/industry stakeholders. Representatives from organizations including ICICI Foundation, TAFE/JFarm Services, Novonesis, Reliance Foundation, Venky's, Shekru, Mayoworks, and digital advisory platforms shared their experiences, expectations, and areas for collaboration. The discussions highlighted ICAR's strong beneficiary reach, the importance of CSR fund monitoring, the need for smallholder and women-friendly technologies, the scope for climate-resilient agriculture, value chain development, AI-enabled and vernacular advisory systems, and a centralized mechanism for channelizing CSR support.

The roadshow reinforced ICAR's role as a national bridge between science, CSR, industry, and farming communities. The discussions emphasized that CSR partnerships can help scale ICAR's field-validated technologies, strengthen farmer outreach, address real-life industry problems, promote inclusive innovation, and contribute to rural prosperity, sustainable agriculture, and SDG-oriented transformation.

The event was organized by Dr. Pravin Malik, CEO, Agrinnovate India Ltd., New Delhi, along with his team Shri. Ashwaveer Singh Pannu. The organizing team from ICAR-CIFE comprised Dr. N. P. Sahu, Director, ICAR-CIFE, Mumbai, Dr. Arpita Sharma, Head and Principal Scientist; Dr. Shivaji Argade, Senior Scientist; and Dr. Neha Qureshi, Senior Scientist, from the Division of Fisheries Economics, Extension and Statistics who, together with their respective teams, along with and all Heads of Divisions played a pivotal role in the successful planning and execution of the event.











