

About Delhi and Places of Tourist Attraction Around

Delhi, being the capital, is a cosmopolitan city. It presents a unique amalgam of ancient history with modernity. Here the visitor is enchanted by the magnificence of the relics of ancient (5000 years old) Hindu era, glory of Moghul Monuments and the grandeur of modern buildings and shopping centres. The varied cultural activities offer myriad experiences, which speak of the unity in diversity of this country. The amalgamation of various cultures, traditions, religions has painted Delhi in colours, which are brought from all over India. Delhi is a true cosmopolitan city, is always on the move. It is a perfect introduction to the cultural wealth, the complexities and dynamism of India. Delhi has always been the hub of activity, art, culture and the history of the whole country and continues to be so. Delhi is one of the most historic capitals in the world and two of its monuments- the **Qutab Minar** and **Humayun's Tomb** - have been declared World Heritage Sites. Delhi is also one of the greenest capitals. The capital city, as it stands today, has grown manifold. It has engulfed all the ancient city sites and overflows across the Yamuna and the Northern Ridge.

Delhi has two contrasting sides, the enthralling **ancient monuments** combined with the modern touch of this capital city. One of the seven wonders of the modern world, the **Taj Mahal in Agra** (200 km from Delhi), is the greatest monumental tribute to the love and affection. The Pink City of **Jaipur** (265 km from Delhi), exuberant with colour, is famous for its magnificent forts and palaces.

Weather

December is a winter month in India. During this period the temperatures in Delhi range from 3-4°C (37.4-39.2°F) to 15-18°C (59-64.4°F). Heavy woollens are recommended during the period of conference.

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International Conference

ON

Statistics and Informatics in Agricultural Research
as 66th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics

December 18-20, 2012



Organized at

INDIAN AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS RESEARCH INSTITUTE
(INDIAN COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH)
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India is proud of its heritage of eminent statisticians who contributed significantly to the welfare of humanity in India and abroad. Due to their untiring efforts, Agricultural Statistics in the country stands on a fairly sound footing. Recognizing the efforts of the statisticians and the importance of Statistics in agricultural research, Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics (ISAS) was formed on 03 January 1947 with the then Agriculture Minister Dr. Rajendra Prasad as its founder President. Dr. Rajendra Prasad continued to preside over the activities of the Society for 16 years even after becoming the President of India. The society had also the proud privilege of having notable personalities and high dignitaries as its Presidents in the past and Dr. S. Ayyappan, Secretary, Department of Agricultural Research and Education and Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research as its current President. The Society has been growing in strength to cover new horizons in time under their able leadership and continued guidance. The Society was nurtured by the legendary Indian Statisticians Late Dr. PV Sukhatme and Late Dr. VG Panse and received valuable guidance from Dr. GR Seth, Late Dr. Daroga Singh, Dr. Prem Narain, besides others, as Directors of the IASRI. The present status of the Society is primarily because of the untiring efforts made by these luminaries in building the Society. The basic objective of the Society has been to disseminate research conducted in Agricultural Statistics to meet the challenges of agricultural research in the country. The Society is publishing a journal called "Journal of the Indian Society of Agricultural Statistics" which serves as vehicle for the statisticians to disseminate their research work in agricultural statistics aimed at the overall development of agriculture in the country. This is a unique journal that encourages applied research in statistics with applications focused at improving the quality of agricultural research.

Over the period of past sixty five years, the Society and the Institute have accumulated numerous successes on pioneering research activities that deserve commemoration. The Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (IASRI), New Delhi is organizing an International Conference on "Statistics and Informatics in Agricultural Research" during 18-20 December 2012 at New Delhi, India. It is a matter of great pride for the Society that on this auspicious occasion Reverend Professor Dr. Shyamal Peddada would be the Sessional President and would also deliver the keynote address. Several plenary talks would be delivered by eminent internationally renowned personalities on emerging issues related to the focus of the Conference. There would also be pre-dinner talks by the scientists of international distinction. The conference topics have been divided into six major themes that are oriented towards the main focus of the conference. Each theme has several sub-themes, and there would be invited talks on each of them. There would be contributed papers also on these themes which would be presented in the poster sessions.

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Major Themes and Sub-Themes

Theme 1 : Statistics in Agricultural Research

Sub-Themes

- Stochastic Models in Applied Research
- Statistical Issues in Gender Dynamics and Women Empowerment
- Statistical Modelling

Theme 2 : Emerging Issues in Basic Statistical Research

Sub-Themes

- Design and Analysis of Experiments
- Advances in Sampling Techniques
- Small area Estimation
- Biostatistics
- Statistical Inference
- Categorical Data Analysis

Theme 3 : Agricultural Informatics

Sub-Themes

- Statistics and Informatics in Protection of Plant Varieties
- Knowledge Management in Agriculture
- ICT for Reaching Stakeholders
- Advances in Statistical Computing

Theme 4 : Statistical and Computational Biology in Agriculture

Sub-Themes

- Statistical Genomics
- Bioinformatics in Agriculture
- Mathematical Biology
- Advances in Statistical Genetics

Theme 5 : Statistical and Economic Issues for Economic Upliftment of Rural Community

Sub-Themes

- Indicators of Socio-Economic Development

Theme 6 : Human Resource Development for Agricultural Statistics and Informatics

There would be two memorial lectures viz.

- Dr. Rajendra Prasad Memorial Lecture by *Dr. Abhijit Sen, Member, Planning Commission, Government of India*
- Dr. VG Panse Memorial Lecture by *Dr. Murari Singh, Senior Biometrician, ICARDA, Aleppo, Syria*

The conference would organize

- Plenary Talks by Dr. T. C. A. Anant, Secretary and Chief Statistician of India, and Dr. James H Matis, Department of Statistics, Texas A & M University, USA
- Distinguished lectures by Dr. Prem Narain, Dr. Bikas K. Sinha, Dr. Aloke Dey and Dr. Sat Gupta

The other attractions of the conference would be:

- Invited Paper Sessions
- Dr. DN Lal Memorial Lecture Award
- Dr. GR Seth Memorial Young Scientist Award
- Sessions on Contributed Papers Presentation

Conference Registration Charges

Conference Delegates	Registration Fee on or before 20 November 2012		Registration Fee after 20 November 2012	
	Indian	Foreign	Indian	Foreign
Delegates	Rs. 4,000.00	US \$ 200	Rs. 5,000.00	US \$ 250.00
Students	Rs. 1,500.00	US \$ 100	Rs. 2,000.00	US \$ 150.00
Accompanying Person	Rs. 2,000.00	US \$ 100	Rs. 2,000.00	US \$ 100.00

- The registration fee includes Conference material and meals on Conference Days. The participants are requested to make their own transport arrangements from railway station/airport/bus stand at New Delhi to IASRI and back.
- Registration fee does not include Accommodation. Accommodation would be provided on payment basis in Institute Guest House.
- Accommodation in Hotel can be booked on request.
- For details on Accommodation, please see the Conference Website. Registration fee is to be paid by Demand Draft drawn in favour of ICSI-2012 payable at New Delhi. Those who intend to participate in the Conference are requested to send the completed Registration Form as per the format along with the registration fee to: **Dr. Rajender Parsad, Organizing Secretary, IASRI, Library Avenue, Pusa, New Delhi – 110 012, India, Phone No. (O) 011-25843573; Fax No. 011-25841564; E-mail: rajender@iasri.res.in**

Paper Submission Dates

Paper Submission
October 31, 2012

Notification of Acceptance
November 20, 2012