



**भारतीय कृषि एवं खाद्य परिषद्**  
**INDIAN CHAMBER OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

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## Vision

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To unlock the vast potential of India's food and agriculture sector through effective policies, innovations and strategic trade partnerships, thereby contributing to global food and nutrition security and agriculture sustainability.



## Mission

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To act as a national resource center, think tank, and global platform for facilitating partnerships, driving policy advocacy, and fostering entrepreneurship in the food and agriculture sectors. ICFA aims to empower farmers, enhance the agricultural value chain, and contribute to the economic ecosystem by creating opportunities for trade, technology adoption, and sustainable agricultural development.

# Chairman's Message



*With increasing globalization, there are newer challenges emerging that need to be pro-actively addressed for India's food and agriculture sector to grow, engage, and compete globally and contribute towards global food and nutritional security. The Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture is the apex policy think tank, trade facilitation body, and national resource center for the food and agriculture sector in India, serving as a global platform for partnerships. ICFA, through its outreach policy, business agenda, and global partnerships, is creating opportunities for growth, value addition, and trade to help improve the income of farmers. Through its various bodies and partnerships, ICFA seeks to represent the interests of all the stakeholders at the national level on the one hand and position India's food and agriculture sector globally on the other hand.*

*Besides trade and industry, ICFA focuses equally on farmers and agri-entrepreneurs, helping them connect with market opportunities while addressing their policy, technology, trade, marketing and financing related needs. One of the major issues facing the Indian food and agriculture sector is the issue of food safety, sustainability, and certification of GAP and quality standards of food, which impact Indian exports and consumer safety. ICFA has launched the Healthy Food Initiative, the Food and Nutrition Forum, and the Agriculture Sustainability Council to drive stewardship development. ICFA is also promoting investments, entrepreneurship, technologies, and farm services by forging partnerships with relevant institutions, and facilitating farmer producer organizations, and agri start-ups to accelerate growth and scale up, to help empower farmers.*

*As we witness the remarkable growth of agriculture worldwide, we are committed to expanding knowledge-sharing sessions and events in collaboration with governments and leading organizations across key countries. Our aim is to build stronger networks, particularly the ICFA District Agriculture Councils, and unlock further development potential in India's agricultural sector. The new leadership at ICFA is designed to cultivate productive partnerships with top stakeholders in agriculture across prominent nations. India stands to benefit significantly as we align our vision and goals in the months and years to come.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Prabhu', written in a cursive style.

**Sh. Suresh Prabhu**

Chairman, ICFA

Former Union Cabinet Minister

# Director General Message



*"Uttam kheti, madhyam vyapar, nishkrit chakri, bheekh nidan" goes the ancient proverb: farming is the supreme vocation, mediocre is trade and lowly is service; finally if nothing works beggary is the solution to survival. Agriculture sits atop the pyramid.*

*"Agriculture is our wisest pursuit, because it will in the end contribute most to real wealth, good morals and happiness," Thomas Jefferson, the third President of the USA had instructed about 200 years ago.*

*The story of the growth of Indian agriculture is no less than a fairy tale. Not too long ago we were derided as an agriculture "Basket Case", characterized by perpetual shortages and chronic distress in the agriculture sector. Who in our generation can forget PL-480? A wheat imported under this law from the USA which was "fit enough only for the pigs to eat", and this too would be in short supply. And now we have reason to thump our chests having emerged as the "Breadbasket" of the world.*

*The Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) has emerged as an apex organization supporting these efforts by playing the role of a bridge between diverse stakeholders, including the central and state governments. Guided by a board comprising eminent professionals and practitioners, and operated by a team of committed executives, the ICFA is the most prominent think-tank, knowledge repository and policy advocacy institution in the agriculture sector of the country. It enjoys the reputation of being the most credible voice of agriculture seeking to protect the interests of each and every stakeholder.*

*We seek to strengthen our role as a think tank, national resource center, and global platform for fostering strong partnerships among the varied stakeholder groups in the food and agriculture sectors creating opportunities for trade, technologies, investments, and entrepreneurship in agriculture and the food value chain.*

*We shall continue to demonstrate, through our programs and activities, unwavering commitment to our stated vision: "Unleashing the potential of India's food and agriculture sector through policies, trade, and partnerships towards empowering farmers and achieving global food and nutrition security and environmental sustainability."*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Dr. Shridhar".

**Dr. Tarun Shridhar, IAS Retd**

*Former Secretary,  
Animal Husbandry & Dairy,  
Government of India*

## Background Note

Agriculture remains a cornerstone for rural prosperity, economic growth, and social transformation, particularly in developing regions like India, Africa, and parts of Asia. In India, approximately 45%-50% of the population relies directly on agriculture for its livelihood. The agricultural sector, however, is undergoing transformative shifts, grappling with challenges related to global trade dynamics, food security, climate change, and market access.

Since its inception nearly a decade ago, ICFA has positioned itself as a thought leader and catalyst for change in Indian agriculture. The Chamber represents a wide array of stakeholders and works to ensure a unified approach to address critical policy issues, promote sustainable agricultural practices, and facilitate international trade. ICFA's role is central in bridging the divide among farmers, policymakers, industry, institutions and global markets, fostering collaborative efforts to shape the future of food and agriculture.

### Objectives :

1. Serving as the think tank, policy research center, and advocacy body for the food and agriculture sector, ensuring that the diverse interests of farmers, agri-professionals, industry, and research bodies are effectively represented at national and global levels.
2. Facilitating international trade, technological exchange, and investment in the food and agriculture sectors by promoting collaborations with governments, development bodies, and industry players.
3. Promoting sustainable farming systems, food safety and stewardship programs to guide stakeholders toward eco-agriculture solutions and ensuring sustainable growth for agro trade and agribusinesses.
4. Organizing subject specific discussions, conferences and business meets that are designed to generate policy inputs, encourage innovation, foster cooperation, and drive changes in the evolving food and agriculture sector.
5. Connecting farmers to critical market linkages, farm services, and technologies through ICFA's national platforms and partnerships. ICFA also fosters innovation through agritech startups and sustainable farming practices

### Constitution :

The Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) was established in the year 2015 under section 8, as Not-for-Profit-Organization, with the primary objective of representing the diverse interests of the agriculture and food sectors. It serves as a platform for policy advocacy, knowledge sharing, and facilitating trade and technological partnerships. ICFA works to address the dynamic needs of the farming community, industry stakeholders, and global partners, ensuring sustainable growth, economic viability, and enhanced collaboration for all involved.



## WORK AREAS :



**Policy Advocacy and Advisory Research**



**National Knowledge Resource Centre**



**Trade Facilitation and Global Market Access**



**Global Platform for Dialogue & Partnerships**



**Technology and Agri Startups Facilitation**



**Farmer Market Linkages & Agribusiness Services**

# ICFA Board Members



**Chairman**

**Sh. Suresh Prabhu**  
Former Union Cabinet Minister



**Co-Chairman**

**Dr. Ashok Dalwai, IAS Retd**  
Chairman  
PM Task Force of DFI, Bangalore



**Vice Chairman**

**Mr. Meenesh Shah**  
National Dairy Development Board,  
Anand



**Vice Chairman**

**Mr. Simon Wiebusch**  
President – South Asia  
Bayer CropScience Limited, Mumbai



**Mr. JP Meena, IAS Retd**  
Secretary General  
Indian Beverage  
Association,  
New Delhi



**Mr. RK Tiwari, IAS Retd**  
Chairman, GGPC and  
Ex Chief Secretary  
Government of Uttar Pradesh  
Noida



**Dr. H K Bhanwala**  
Chairman  
MCX India Limited and  
Former Chairman  
NABARD, Mumbai



**Dr. S. Glory Swarupa**  
Director General  
National Institute for  
Micro, Small and Medium  
Enterprise, Hyderabad



**Mr. Atul Chaturvedi**  
Chairman  
Renuka Sugars Limited  
Mumbai



**Mr. Ashish Khandelwal**  
Managing Director  
BL Agro Industries Ltd  
Bareilly



**Mr. Sailesh C. Mehta**  
Managing Director  
Deepak Fertilisers &  
Petrochemicals Limited  
Pune



**Mr. Bahadur Ali**  
Chairman  
IB Group, Raipur



**Dr. Vibha Dhavan**  
Director General  
The Energy & Resources  
Institute, TERI  
New Delhi



**Mr. Raman Mittal**  
Joint Managing Director  
International Tractors Ltd,  
Sonalika, Delhi

## ICFA Board Members



**Mr. SR Reddy**  
Managing Director  
Sresta Organics P. Ltd &  
President, Organic Exporters  
Association, Hyderabad



**Mr. Jayen Mehta**  
Managing Director  
AMUL (GCMMF)  
Anand



**Mr. TR Kesavan**  
Group President  
TAFE Limited  
Chennai



**Mr. Tarun Sawney**  
VC & MD  
Triveni Engineering and  
Industries Limited  
Noida



**Mr. Juzar S. Khorakiwala**  
Chairman &  
Managing Director  
Biostadt India Limited  
Mumbai



**Amb. C. Rajasekhar**  
Officer on Special Duty (States),  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
Government of India



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Founder and Chairperson  
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Hanzen International  
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**Mr. KS Narayanaswamy**  
President  
Seed Producers Association &  
MD, Geo Biotechnology Pvt. Ltd.  
Banglore



**Dr. Rajaram Tripathi**  
National General Secretary,  
All India Farmers Alliance



**Mr. Satish Babu Gadde**  
Farmer, West Godavari  
Andhra Pradesh



**Mr. PPS Pangli**  
President  
Borlaug Farmers  
Association for  
South Asia, Ludhiana



# Glimpses

## Foreign Meetings



## Meetings with Dignitaries



# ICFA Glimpses

## Major Events and Awards



## Delegations Received



# ICFA in Media

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### Former union minister Suresh Prabhu appointed as ICFA chairman

NEW DELHI: The Union Minister of Food and Agriculture (F&A) has today named Suresh Prabhu as the new chairman of the Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA). In his capacity as the Union Minister, Prabhu said that ICFA will continue to provide a platform for the government, industry, and academia to discuss and address the challenges of the agricultural sector.

## GrainsWorld Conference 2024: Strengthening Global Collaboration and Resilience in the Grains Sector

The GrainsWorld Conference 2024 brought together global leaders to address key agricultural challenges, focusing on food security, climate change, and market volatility. Discussions emphasized the role of technology, international trade, and government collaboration in creating resilient agricultural systems, while recognizing outstanding contributions to the sector.

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## Talks on for seed park in state with Dutch co, says min

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## उद्यान मंत्री ने एग्रो वर्ल्ड- 2024 का कर्टेन रेजर जारी की

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## Indian Council of Food and Agriculture India's apex think tank and trade facilitation body launched

AGRA: The Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) has been launched as India's apex think tank and trade facilitation body. The council aims to address the challenges of the agricultural sector and promote the growth of the industry.



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## Target of doubling farm incomes by 2022 is very much achievable, say experts

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## Round Table Meeting of ICFA Policy Group on "Farmers' Welfare – Identifying the Issues"

AGRA: A round table meeting of the ICFA Policy Group was held to discuss farmers' welfare and identify key issues. The meeting brought together experts from various sectors to share their insights and recommendations.

# ICFA Special Purpose Bodies

**GGPC**  
Global Grains and Pulses Council

**IDAC**  
India Digital Agriculture Council

**IGMF**  
India Global Millets Forum

**IAAC**  
International Agro Arbitration Centre

**IAEC**  
INDIA AGRI EXPORT COUNCIL

# About Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture

The Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) is the apex body in India dedicated to advancing business, policy, and developmental agendas within the food and agriculture sectors. Serving as a global platform, ICFA plays pivotal role in agro trade facilitation, policy advocacy, technology and agribusiness services. ICFA's proactive approach helps identify and address critical challenges facing Indian agriculture while opening new avenues for national and global partnerships, agro-ventures, investment and international trade. By actively engaging with its various Industry Working Groups and Sector-specific Councils, ICFA amplifies the voice of key stakeholders, including farmers, trade and industry, both at the national and global levels.

ICFA is a leader in driving digital technologies, food and nutrition security, and agriculture sustainability. These efforts have garnered global recognition and strategic partnerships with esteemed organizations such as ICAR, APEDA, WTC, University of California, and many other international entities.

In less than a decade since its inception, ICFA has signed MoUs with over four dozen national and international organizations, reinforcing its position as a knowledge-driven platform, working in partnerships for sustainable growth in the agriculture sector. ICFA is committed to cultivating a thriving ecosystem for entrepreneurship, which holds immense potential for economic growth, sustainable development, and global food and nutrition security.

## MoUs Signed



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