

The **1<sup>st</sup> State Convention Agrivision Meerut - 2026** was successfully jointly organized by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology (SVPUA&T), Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, in collaboration with Uttar Pradesh Council of Agricultural Research (UPCAR), Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh; Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research (IIFSR), Modipuram, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh; Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI), Shimla, Himachal Pradesh; and Central Institute for Cattle Research (CICR), Modipuram, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. The event was held on 25th–26th April 2026 at the VCC Auditorium, SVPUA&T, Meerut. The convention was conducted under the theme “*Integration of Indigenous and Modern Farming System for Viksit Uttar Pradesh @ 2047.*” It served as a significant academic platform, bringing together academicians, researchers, policymakers, students, and industry experts from multiple states and institutions, reflecting its inclusive and multidisciplinary nature. The key objective of the convention was to facilitate knowledge exchange, promote innovation, and strengthen collaboration in agriculture and allied sectors, while supporting sustainable development and contributing towards the vision of Viksit Uttar Pradesh @ 2047.

The inaugural session of the State Convention **Agrivision Meerut - 2026**, held on 25th April 2026 at the VCC Auditorium, SVPUA&T, Meerut, marked the formal commencement of the programme themed “*Integration of Indigenous and Modern Farming System for Viksit Uttar Pradesh @ 2047.*” The session began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp and garlanding of Maa Saraswati and Swami Vivekananda, along with Saraswati Vandana symbolizing the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom. The welcome of dignitaries on the dais, followed by the introduction and felicitation of guests. The session was graced by **the Chief Guest, Shri Kapil Dev Agarwal, Hon’ble Minister of State for Vocational Education and Skill Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh**, along with Special Guest **Shri Arun Govil, Hon’ble Member of Parliament, Meerut Lok Sabha**, Shri Gaurav Gour, State Secretary, ABVP; Dr. Permendra Singh, DDG, UPCAR; Dr. Sudhakar Pandey, ADG, ICAR, New Delhi; Dr. Prabhat Kumar, Horticulture Commissioner, Government of India; and Dr. Triveni Dutt, Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor, SVPUA&T, Meerut. Other dignitaries present on the dias included Dr. Bijendra Singh, Organizing Secretary, Shri Aman Singh, National Co-convenor Agrivision, and Dr. Chitra Singh, Joint Organizing Secretary. Dr. Bijendra Singh, Organizing Secretary, delivered the introductory address of the programme, while Shri Aman Singh, National Co-convenor, elaborated on Agrivision and its initiatives. The session was graced by eminent dignitaries including Shri Gaurav Gour, Dr. Permendra Singh, Dr. Sudhakar Pandey, Dr. Prabhat Kumar and Dr. Triveni Dutt, who addressed the gathering and highlighted various aspects of agricultural development. A significant highlight of the session was the release of the souvenir by the dignitaries. Shri Arun Govil, addressed the delegates, followed by the keynote address of the Chief Guest, Shri Kapil Dev Agarwal, who emphasized the importance of integrating traditional agricultural practices with modern technologies to achieve sustainable growth and contribute towards the vision of Viksit Uttar Pradesh by 2047. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks

proposed by Dr. Chitra Singh and ended on a patriotic note with the National Song, Vande Mataram.

The **Technical Session I** held on 25 April 2026 formed the intellectual core of the convention, focusing on the integration of indigenous knowledge systems with modern agricultural practices for sustainable development. The session commenced with the welcome address, followed by the introduction of guests by Dr. Govind Vishwakarma. The opening remarks were delivered by the Chairman, Dr. Shailendra Sharma, setting the tone for the session. Eminent speakers including Dr. Neetu Singh, Dr. S. S. Gaurav, and Dr. Satya Prakash delivered insightful lectures on diverse and relevant themes. The deliberations highlighted the importance of synergizing Indian Knowledge Systems for nutrition-sensitive food fortification and policy pathways towards Viksit Bharat 2047, protection of new plant varieties in the context of indigenous and modern farming, and the role of organic inputs in enhancing the quality of vegetable production. The session also featured an interactive segment between speakers and students, encouraging meaningful exchange of ideas and perspectives. Concluding remarks were presented by the Co-Chairman, Dr. Ashish S. Noel, summarizing the key insights of the session. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. D. V. Singh, acknowledging the contributions of all speakers and participants.

The convention also featured **parallel sessions** held on 25 April 2026, providing diverse platforms for career guidance, academic presentation, and interactive learning. The Career Guidance Session included insightful talks by Mr. Tarun Sharma, Mr. Hariprasad S. K., and Mr. Harush Kumar, who shared valuable perspectives on career opportunities, skill development, and professional growth in the agricultural and allied sectors. The session concluded with an interactive segment between speakers and students, fostering meaningful dialogue and clarity on career pathways. Simultaneously, the Poster Session was conducted under the chairmanship of Prof. Permendra Singh, with Dr. Ajeet Singh as Co-Chairman and members Dr. R. S. Sengaer and Dr. Pankaj Chauhan, where participants presented their research work and innovative ideas. The session encouraged scientific discussion and critical evaluation, promoting academic excellence among students. In parallel, the Oral Session was organized under the guidance of Chairman Dr. Ram Ji Singh and Co-Chairman Dr. Satya Prakash, where participants delivered oral presentations on various relevant themes. These sessions collectively provided a dynamic platform for knowledge exchange, presentation skills enhancement, and interaction between students, researchers, and experts, thereby enriching the overall learning experience of the convention.

The **Technical Session II** held on 26 April 2026 continued the academic deliberations of the convention, focusing on key issues and advancements in the agricultural sector. The session commenced with a welcome address, followed by the introduction of guests by Dr. M. V. Jatin. The opening remarks were delivered by the Chairman, Dr. Parmendra Singh, who set the context for the session. Eminent speakers including Dr. S. K. Yadav, Dr. R. K. Singh, and Dr. Ravi Shankar presented their expert insights on various relevant themes, contributing to a deeper understanding of contemporary challenges and opportunities in agriculture. The session also featured an interactive segment between speakers and students, promoting active engagement and exchange of ideas. The Chairman, Dr. Parmendra Singh,

delivered the overall concluding remarks, summarizing the key takeaways of the session. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks, acknowledging the valuable contributions of all speakers and participants.

A distinctive feature of the convention was the **Role Model Session**, held on 26 April 2026, aimed at inspiring students and promoting entrepreneurship in agriculture and allied sectors. The session commenced with a welcome address, followed by the introduction of guests by Dr. U. P. Shahi. The opening remarks were delivered by the Chairman, **Dr. Triveni Dutt, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SVPUA&T**, who emphasized the importance of innovation and leadership in agricultural development. Esteemed speakers including Sethpal Singh ( Padma Bhushan Awardee), Sanjay Kansal, Naveen Patwal, and Vineet Baliyan shared their professional journeys, experiences, and insights, highlighting opportunities in agribusiness, entrepreneurship, and skill development. The session also featured an interactive segment between speakers and students, encouraging meaningful discussions and exchange of ideas. The Chairman, Dr. Triveni Dutt, delivered the overall concluding remarks, motivating students to pursue entrepreneurial ventures and bridge the gap between academic learning and industry requirements. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. V. P. Singh, acknowledging the valuable contributions of all speakers and participants.

The **Valedictory session**, held on 26 April 2026, marked the successful conclusion of the State Convention Agrivision Meerut - 2026. The session commenced with the welcome of dignitaries on the dais, followed by the introduction and felicitation of guests. A comprehensive summary of the convention proceedings was presented by Dr. U. P. Shahi, highlighting the key discussions, outcomes, and achievements of the two-day event. The session was graced by eminent dignitaries including Shri Vikram Farswan, National In-Charge, Agrivision; Shri Anuj Shrivastava, State Co-organizing Secretary, ABVP; Dr. Triveni Dutt, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, SVPUA&T; and Dr. Parmendra Singh, DDG, UPCAR, who addressed the gathering and shared their valuable insights.

A significant highlight of the session was the distribution of awards for Best Poster and Oral Presentations, recognizing the outstanding contributions of participants. Shri Vikash Tyagi, State Convenor, Agrivision, also addressed the audience, emphasizing the vision and future initiatives of Agrivision. The session concluded with a formal vote of thanks proposed by Dr. D. V. Singh, Organizing Secretary, expressing gratitude to all dignitaries, organizers, and participants. The programme ended on a patriotic note with the National Anthem, "Jan Gan Man."

The convention witnessed notable participation from across multiple states, reflecting its outreach and academic significance. A total of participants represented 5 states; Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand, and Himachal Pradesh and 8 universities, including 67 undergraduate students, 92 postgraduate and Ph.D. scholars, 7 farmers and 42 professors. The event was further strengthened by the presence of 1 Hon'ble Minister, 1 Parliament member, 1 Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, 8 technical speakers and 7 Deans, highlighting strong academic leadership and guidance. Overall, the convention comprised 319 attendees, including 55 volunteers and 22 organizing members, ensuring the smooth

execution of the programme. The event successfully brought together students, academicians, and experts on a common platform, reflecting a focused, inclusive, and impactful academic engagement.

In conclusion, the **1<sup>st</sup> State Convention Agrivision Meerut – 2026** was a grand success, achieving its objectives of promoting knowledge exchange, integrating indigenous and modern farming systems, and fostering innovation in agriculture and allied sectors. The convention significantly contributed to encouraging student participation, entrepreneurship, and policy-oriented discussions aimed at sustainable agricultural development. It served as an important platform for academicians, experts, and students to collaborate and share insights, thereby supporting the vision of **Viksit Uttar Pradesh @ 2047** and strengthening the future of the agricultural sector.