

Excursion

Dear ICAE 2024 Delegates,

We are excited to offer paid, one-day post-conference study tours to Karnal, Sonipat, and Kurukshetra on August 8th, 2024. To finalize the tour arrangements, we recommend you to indicate your preferences in advance. The cost will range from USD 80 to 120 per person. The final amount will be determined by the number of participants and collected on the day of the tour.

Study tour	One-day post-conference will be scheduled on 8 th August 2024. Conference registrants will have to indicate their preference by choosing one of the tours among the options.
Tour Timings	The tours will commence at 8 AM and conclude at 8 PM.
Amenities	Water bottles will be provided to all delegates during the tour.
Recommended Attire	We recommend delegates to carry their sunglasses, hat, and sunscreen, and to wear comfortable shoes/footwear for the tour.
Lunch/dinner Arrangements	Lunch, Dinner and other expenses will be paid by the delegates.

Should you have any inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us at email: icae2024.in@gmail.com

Warm regards,

Dr. Smita Sirohi

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August 2-7, 2024

NASC Complex, New Delhi, India

32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists

Transformation Towards Sustainable Agri-Food Systems

Tour 1: Sustainable Farm Tours: A Journey of Organic and Natural Farms

08:00 AM to 09:30 AM : Arrival and Welcome

- Warm welcome and introduction by Binsar Dairy Farm representatives
- Brief overview of the agenda and objectives for the visit

9:45 PM - 11:45 PM : Tour of Binsar Dairy Farm

- Binsar Farms, an Indo-New Zealand collaboration in Haryana, is an organic dairy farm producing premium milk and ghee from cows and buffaloes.
- Visiting Binsar Dairy Farm is an enriching experience that blends rural charm with organic farming principles. Set in scenic landscapes, the farm allows visitors to observe the meticulous processes of producing high-quality, organic dairy products. Guests can see ethical livestock treatment, sustainable farming practices, and the importance of ecological balance. The tour includes interactive sessions on daily operations like milking cows and cheese-making, with opportunities to sample fresh, organic products. This visit fosters a deeper appreciation for organic agriculture and a closer connection to nature.



2:00 PM – 4.00 PM : Tour of Gurukul Organic Farms

- Gurukul Kurukshetra practices Zero Budget Natural Farming on a vast 180-acre land, successfully growing crops like wheat, paddy, sugarcane, and potatoes using Shri Subhash Palekar Ji's methods.
- Visiting the Gurukul Kurukshetra Organic Farm immerses you in sustainable agriculture and traditional wisdom. The farm showcases organic cultivation and animal husbandry, offering insights into crop rotation, composting, and natural pest control. Visitors can observe the blend of ancient techniques with modern practices and participate in educational workshops. This experience highlights eco-friendly farming and provides a peaceful retreat into nature, fostering a deeper environmental connection and promoting healthier living.



4:30 PM- 8:00 PM : Departure and Conclusion

Depart from Gurukul Organic Farms with newfound knowledge and inspiration for advancing

Starting Place : **NASC Complex, Pusa Road**

Starting hour: **8.00 AM**

Arrival Time in **NASC Complex, Pusa Road: 8:00 PM**

Duration of the visits: 12.00 hrs (2 hours each for 2 visits)

Information to know:

Amenities

Drinking water will be provided to all delegates during the tour. Lunch, Dinner and other expenses will be paid by the delegates.

Please Note:

- Tour will only be commenced if it reaches the minimum requirements of 15-20 Pax per bus.

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Tour 2: ICAR Institutes: A Journey of Agricultural Excellence

08:00 AM to 10:30 AM : Arrival and Welcome

- Warm welcome and introduction by ICAR representatives
- Brief overview of the agenda and objectives for the visit

10:45 PM - 12:00 PM : Tour of ICAR-NDRI

- The National Dairy Research Institute (NDRI) as country's premier dairy research institution has developed considerable expertise over the last five decades in different areas of Dairy Production, Processing, Management, and Human Resource Development. Information generated at the Institute and the services offered have contributed to the growth of Dairy Industry as a whole and well-being of millions of milk producers and consumers of milk and milk products. Various institute facilities are labs, experimental plots, and sale counters for dairy products.



01:30 PM - 02:30 PM : Tour of ICAR-CSSRI

- The Central Soil Salinity Research Institute (CSSRI) is the only dedicated research institute that focuses on managing soil salinity and using poor-quality irrigation water. Established in Karnal in 1969, CSSRI conducts interdisciplinary research on salinity and alkalinity in various agro-ecological zones. CSSRI is known for its advancements in soil reclamation technologies, including subsurface drainage and salt-tolerant crop varieties. It also runs an International Training Centre and collaborates on various national and international research projects. Various institute facilities are labs, experimental plots, and museum.



02:45 PM - 04:00 PM : Tour of ICAR-IIWBR

- Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, focuses research on the country's second most important cereal crop i.e wheat. The institute has released over 498 wheat varieties, boosting production from 12.5 million tons in 1964 to 107.59 million tons in 2019-20. Future goals include developing high-yielding, nutrient-efficient varieties and advancing technologies for heat tolerance, drought resistance, and biofortification to meet the projected demand of 140 million tons by 2050. Various institute facilities are labs, experimental plots, and sale counters.



4:30 PM- 8:00 PM : Departure and Conclusion

- Depart from ICAR-IIWBR with newfound knowledge and inspiration for advancing

Starting Place : **NASC Complex, Pusa Road**

Starting hour: **8.00 AM**

Arrival Time in **NASC Complex, Pusa Road: 8:00 PM**

Duration of the visits: 12.00 hrs (1 hours each for 3 visits)

Information to know:

Amenities

Drinking water will be provided to all delegates during the tour. Lunch, Dinner and other expenses will be paid by the delegates.

Please Note:

- Tour will only be commenced if it reaches the minimum requirements of 15-20 Pax per bus.