

## Pre-Conference Events

### National Level

#### NARES HEIs Students Elocution Contest



#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Intra-zonal competition at nodal zonal universities
  - North zone: CAU, Jhansi
  - East zone: RPCAU, Patna
  - West zone: VNMKV, Parbhani
  - South zone: UAS, Bengaluru
- Inter-zonal competition at ICAR-IARI, New Delhi
- Top two contestants in each category (UG and PG) to present during GCWAS-2026

### International Level

#### Ingenious Innovation Idea Contest - International



#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Topic: International Year of the Woman Farmer: Agri-food system for economic development by 2050
- International-level selection
- 5-days online mentoring by PUSA KRISHI, ICAR-IARI (for shortlisted teams)
- Final online jury presentation
- Top 3 Contestants to present during GCWAS-2026
- Ingenious Innovation Idea Trophies to Winners

### National Level

#### Young Minds Posters and Drawing Contest



#### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Topic: Young Minds Perspective on Role of Women in Agri Food Systems Towards 2050
- Poster Category: Maximum two teams of two students each from a school from class 10th -12th.
- Drawing Category Maximum two students of class 6th - 9th from each school.

### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### Applications open:

January 12, 2026

#### Application close:

January 22, 2026

#### Intra-zonal contest:

January 27-29, 2026

#### Inter-zonal contest:

February 16, 2026

#### Winner's presentation:

March 14, 2026

#### Applications open:

January 10, 2026

#### Application close:

January 30, 2026

#### Mentoring:

February 09-13, 2026

#### Contest for shortlisted ideas:

February 19, 2026

#### Winner's presentation:

March 14, 2026

#### Last Date for Nomination:

02 March, 2026

#### Date of Competition:

05 March, 2026

#### Poster Competition:

Pre-prepared and printed poster of size 4' x 3'.

#### Drawing Competition:

On-spot drawing

**Venue:** National Research Laboratory (NRL) Auditorium, IARI

GCWAS Gold Medal and Silver Medal to winners during the conference

GCWAS Ingenious Innovation Idea Trophy Apply Online: <https://forms.gle/8G7VsyA24zjmmXST8>

Winners under each category to be awarded

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# GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN IN AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS (GCWAS-2026)

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