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The 97th Annual General Meeting of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Society was held at NASC, New Delhi, on August 18, 2026, chaired by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

What Was Reviewed

The meeting reviewed recent gains: foodgrain output up by roughly **19 million tonnes**, and **386 new crop varieties** released, of which **94% are climate-resilient** and **29 are biofortified**. It set a roadmap emphasising demand-driven research, ICAR-industry partnerships, integrated farming, quality seeds, and climate resilience.

Why This Matters

The roadmap's emphasis on demand-driven research and industry partnerships signals an institutional shift from purely supply-side agricultural research toward research more directly responsive to farmer and market needs, relevant to closing the persistent gap between agricultural research output and actual farmer adoption.

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This combines institutional review with concrete data points, crop-variety counts, biofortification numbers, that are classic Prelims fodder. A useful Mains angle examines the gap between agricultural research-to-farmer technology transfer and its implications for income enhancement among small and marginal farmers.

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Date: August 18, 2026; venue: NASC, New Delhi

Chair: Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare

Foodgrain output rise: ~19 million tonnes

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OTHER RELEVANT FACTS:

Priorities set: demand-driven research, ICAR-industry partnerships, integrated farming

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