



EXAMINING THE RESEARCH PRODUCTIVITY OF ICAR'S TOP-RANKED INSTITUTIONS FROM 2012-2021: A SCIENTOMETRIC ANALYSIS

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ABSTRACT

The current paper intends to assess the Indian Council of Agricultural Research's top five agricultural institutions' research output as per the ranking of agricultural universities 2020. This assessment takes into account research papers published between 2012 and 2021. For the data analysis, the bibliographical information was gathered from the Scopus citation database, which contains 22,219 publications during the study period. To conclude the expansion and significance of research outputs from selected data, essential metric-based indicators are evaluated. This study also includes annual growth of publications, a ranking of authors on the basis of their publication count and citation received, most productive institutions from the sample, highly cited articles, citation profile of papers, and most favoured research communication sources by authors from these agricultural institutions. The major findings show that the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) has a higher proportion of research papers published, as well as citations and cited articles. All of these institutes' primary research areas were agricultural and biological sciences.

Keywords: *Scientometric analysis; ICAR; Research productivity; Agricultural institutions*

1. PENDAHULUAN

The process of two or more researchers sharing their resources and ideas to develop work is known as scientific cooperation. Co-authorship is a scientific collaboration in which numerous partners (researchers, academics, etc.) work together to develop a product. Solo research, which was common in the ancient and mediaeval periods, is now nearly extinct. This collaborative research trend is essential since different forms of collaborations bear varying weights in the ranking of organisations and the accreditation process. As a result, each institution encourages its research community to collaborate in undertaking research investigations. This needs the institution to map what type of cooperation is occurring within the organisation. (Deepthi & Tadasad, 2019).

Agriculture dominates the economics of most developing countries since it provides a large amount of their population's livelihood. It also substantially contributes to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). In 2020-21 agriculture sector contributed 20.2 per cent of Gross Value Added (GVA).

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is a self-governing body within the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry's Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE). This is the national coordinating, leading, and controlling agency for agricultural research and education, encompassing animal sciences, horticulture, and fisheries, with its headquarters in New Delhi. It encompasses sixty-four ICAR institutions and over seventy agricultural universities. ICAR promotes teaching, research, and extension operations in agricultural and associated sciences. In agricultural university ranking status for 2020-21, ICAR included 67 agricultural organisations based on their

ranks. The top-ranked five institutions are the National Dairy Research Institute, Indian Veterinary Research Institute; Indian Agricultural Research Institute; GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology; and Punjab Agricultural University.

Examining the publication's knowledge output produced by these all institutions operating under the auspices of ICAR gives insight into agricultural science research and development. There have been very few papers published on agriculture and associated science. As a result, an effort is made in this study to determine the pattern of collaboration in a university setting in order to contribute value to the scientometric literature and give publication trends.

OBJECTIVES

The primary goal of the present research is to examine the growth and impact of the ICAR's top five agricultural institutions from 2012 to 2021 based on their research yield as indexed in Scopus. These are the objectives:

- to investigate the document growth among the top-ranked ICAR institutions;
- to determine the citation profile and most cited papers;
- to find the most prolific authors of every institution;
- to know the key disciplines in which articles were published; and
- to learn the most preferred sources chosen for publication.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Garg et al. (2006) conducted a scientometric analysis of 16,891 publications by Indian agricultural researchers between 1993 to 2002 using the Web of Science and discovered that publication trends in the agricultural sciences decreased between 1998 and 2002. Sagar et al. (2014) examined Indian agricultural articles from 1993 to 2012 using the Web of Science and determined that the maximum publications (8.48 per cent), and citations (8.81 per cent), were published in 2008. Khanna et al. (2017) conducted a quantitative study of Guru Nanak Dev University's research output in physics between 2006-2015 and discovered that GNDU ranked twenty-third among Indian universities in literature with an h-index of 29, 16th in average cites per item, and 18th in the portion of most cited papers. Parmar and Siwach (2018) examined the top five Indian agricultural universities' research amount produced as indexed in the Indian Citation Index during 2006-15. They found that the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, have a larger percentage of the number of articles published.

Siwach and Parmar (2018) studied the publishing patterns at Haryana Agriculture University between 2001 and 2015. They found that almost 47 per cent of the university's research was distributed in ten journals, and the university partnered with several institutions at the domestic and worldwide levels in its research publishing. Amin and Parekh (2020) published a paper on agricultural science's research growth and productivity in Gujarat's agricultural institutions. Their study takes into account papers published between 2010 and 2019. For the analysis, the necessary data was retrieved from Scopus to

conclude the growth and status of chosen research outputs. Savitha and Bagalkoti (2020) compared the research output of Indian agricultural literature to the other producing nations using factors such as overall contribution, growth trend, citation impact, and international collaboration through retrieving a decade's data by searching the terms 'Agriculture Research' in the combined fields of the Web of Science database. According to the report, Indian agriculture research production is relatively low globally, as seen by its publishing output.

2. METODE

The current study is restricted to only five agricultural institutions rated in the top positions in the ICAR's Universities Ranking, 2020. The selected top five institutions are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. ICAR top ranked agricultural institutions

Rank	University's Name
1	National Dairy Research Institute, Haryana (NDRI)
2	Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Uttar Pradesh (IVRI)
3	Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi (IARI)
4	Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology (GBPU)
5	Punjab Agricultural University (PAU)

Data for this study were collected from the Scopus abstract and citation database with a vast collection of peer-reviewed literature. A separate query was entered in the Scopus affiliation search tag for each institute. The data was extracted in CSV format and analysed to obtain relevant findings.

3. HASIL DAN PEMBAHASAN

3.1 Annual distribution of publications

Table 2 displays the total quantity of publications produced by the top five agriculture institutions between 2012 and 2021. According to the table, IARI provided the most publications (34.28 per cent), followed by PAU (21.01 per cent) and IVRI (18.50 per cent). GBPU and NDRI produced nearly equal numbers of articles, 13.21% and 13%, respectively. It is also clear that the bulk of papers was published in 2021. (3235 articles). The table shows the annual contribution of each affiliation. Two institutes, particularly IARI and PAU, produced more articles in 2021 than the other three. Figure 1 depicts the yearly research growth graph.

Table 2. Annual distribution of publications

Year	NDRI	IVRI	IARI	GBPU	PAU	Total
2012	220	377	526	262	264	1649
2013	209	394	608	284	289	1784
2014	270	499	660	257	375	2061
2015	335	455	731	263	425	2209
2016	315	367	782	305	443	2212

2017	348	406	837	336	430	2357
2018	309	346	746	307	425	2133
2019	249	324	836	257	438	2104
2020	273	420	859	276	647	2475
2021	361	522	1032	388	932	3235
Total	2889	4110	7617	2935	4668	22,219
(%)	(13%)	(18.50%)	(34.28%)	(13.21%)	(21.01%)	(100%)

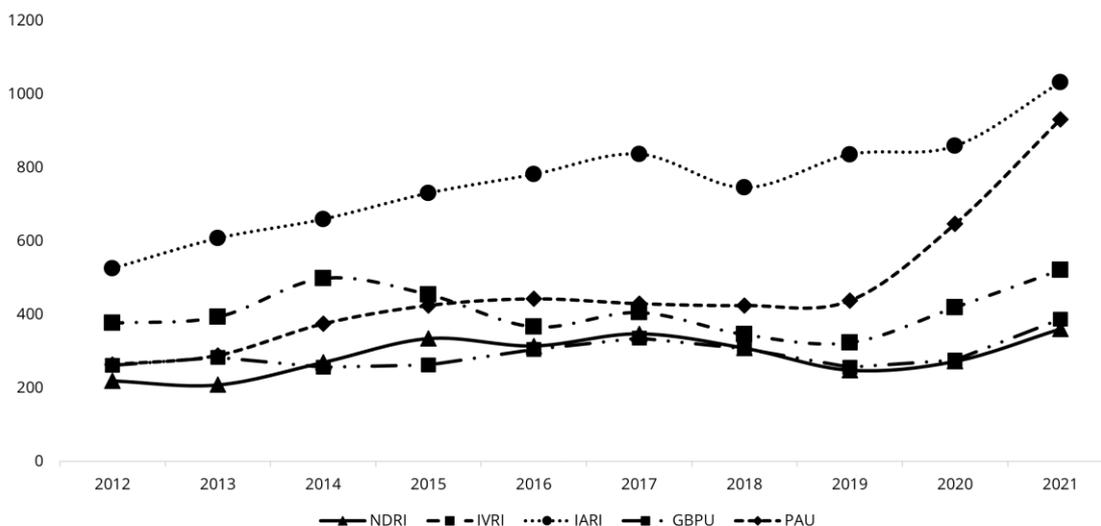


Figure 1. Annual growth of publications

3.2 Type of documents

Table 3 shows the records distributed by five institutes under study between 2012 to 2021. It was determined that journal articles comprised 85.16 per cent of the documents. The review papers comprised 6.07 per cent, book chapters (4.65%), and proceeding papers (1.79%), respectively. The data also shows that IARI contributed the most, 6497 out of 18,921 research publications, followed by PAU (3944). IARI took the lead by publishing more review papers, while GBPU published more conference papers.

Table 3. Type of documents

Type	NDRI	IVRI	IARI	GBPU	PAU	Total	%
Article	2585	3509	6497	2386	3944	18,921	85.16
Review	157	347	419	147	278	1348	6.07
Book Chapter	98	117	401	164	253	1033	4.65
Conference Paper	26	6	72	193	100	397	1.79
Note	2	21	116	14	41	194	0.87
Letter	6	53	24	8	8	99	0.45
Editorial	2	21	28	7	12	70	0.32
Erratum	7	11	32	5	13	68	0.31
Book	2	7	11	10	15	45	0.20
Short Survey	3	14	7	1	1	26	0.12

Retracted	1	1	5	-	1	8	0.04
Data Paper	-	1	5	-	2	8	0.04
Undefined	-	2	-	-	-	2	0.01

3.3 Discipline-wise publications

Scopus has classified the resources released by the institutes under consideration into numerous subject areas. Though owing to multidisciplinary study, many topic groups overlap, and a publication may fit under more than one subject area. Table 4 displays the various domains in which these five institutes' publications appeared between 2012 and 2021. Agriculture topped the list of all topic areas, with 14,065 papers published by all five institutes. This was followed by biochemistry, genetics and molecular biology, veterinary science, and environmental science, with over two thousand publications published. More than a thousand publications in immunology, microbiology, medicine, and engineering have been published.

Moreover, 985 publications were published in chemical engineering, whereas 859 were published in chemistry. Other subject categories included pharmacology, toxicology and pharmaceuticals (833). Table 4 also shows the institute-wise contribution in different subjects. IARI contributed more to agricultural, biological, biochemistry, and environmental research than any other institute.

Table 4. Discipline-wise publications

Rank	Discipline	NDRI	IVRI	IARI	GBPU	PAU	Total
1	Agricultural and Biological Sciences	1914	1724	5560	1444	3423	14,065
2	Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology	725	944	1885	444	874	4872
3	Veterinary	1134	1867	27	304	55	3387
4	Environmental Science	105	211	1227	485	894	2922
5	Immunology and Microbiology	205	887	578	150	147	1967
6	Medicine	309	811	329	147	148	1744
7	Engineering	127	97	391	546	387	1548
8	Chemical Engineering	222	180	262	149	172	985
9	Chemistry	137	68	247	186	221	859
10	Pharmacology, Toxicology and Pharmaceuticals	62	336	171	92	172	833

3.4 Top preferred sources

Table 5 shows the top five sources favoured by each of the five institutes for publishing. More publications were published by NDRI in the *Indian Jour. of Animal Sciences* (355), *Indian Jour. of Animal Research* (224), *Journal of Food Sci. and Tech.* (141), *Veterinary World* (92) and *Tropical Animal Health and Production* (66). These five journals accounted for 30.39 per cent of all NDRI publications.

IVRI preferred the *Indian Jour. of Animal Sciences* (404), *Veterinary World* (194), *Indian Jour. of Animal Research* (123), *Indian Veterinary Jour.* (111), and *Tropical Animal Health and Production* (81) to publish its publications. These five journals published 22.21 per cent of IVRI research.

The *Indian Jour. of Agricultural Sci.* (887), *Indian Jour. of Horticulture* (278), *Indian Jour. of Agronomy* (224), *Indian Jour. of Genet. and Plant Breeding* (223) and *Current Science* (125) were the IARI's favoured publications for publishing. These journals accounted for 22.80% of all IARI documents.

GBPU prefers to have its publications published in the *Indian Jour. of Animal Sci.* (66), *Indian Journal of Agri. Sci.* (58), *Veterinary Practitioner* (51), *Ecol., Environ., and Conser.* (49), and *Indian Veterinary Jour.* (48). Only these five journals contained 9.27 per cent of GBPU's total articles from 2012 to 2021.

PAU's top sources of choice for publishing were the *Agricultural Research Jour.* (176), *Indian Jour. of Ecology* (164), *Indian Jour. of Agri. Sci.* (156), *Jour. of Food Sci. and Tech.* (109) and *Indian Jour. of Horti.* (102). From 2012 to 2021, these five journals accounted for 15.15 per cent of their total articles.

The data also shows that three of the top five ICAR institutes favoured periodicals associated with veterinary sciences.

Table 5. Most preferred sources

University	Source	NP
National Dairy Research Institute	i. <i>Indian Journal of Animal Sciences</i>	355
	ii. <i>Indian Journal of Animal Research</i>	224
	iii. <i>Journal of Food Science and Technology</i>	141
	iv. <i>Veterinary World</i>	92
	v. <i>Tropical Animal Health and Production</i>	66
Indian Veterinary Research Institute	i. <i>Indian Journal of Animal Sciences</i>	404
	ii. <i>Veterinary World</i>	194
	iii. <i>Indian Journal of Animal Research</i>	123
	iv. <i>Indian Veterinary Journal</i>	111
	v. <i>Tropical Animal Health and Production</i>	81
Indian Agricultural Research Institute	i. <i>Indian Journal of Agricultural Sciences</i>	887
	ii. <i>Indian Journal of Horticulture</i>	278
	iii. <i>Indian Journal of Agronomy</i>	224
	iv. <i>Indian Journal of Genetics and Plant Breeding</i>	223
	v. <i>Current Science</i>	125
Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agri. and Tech.	i. <i>Indian Journal of Animal Sciences</i>	66
	ii. <i>Indian Journal of Agricultural Sciences</i>	58
	iii. <i>Veterinary Practitioner</i>	51
	iv. <i>Ecology Environment and Conservation</i>	49
	v. <i>Indian Veterinary Journal</i>	48
	i. <i>Agricultural Research Journal</i>	176

Punjab Agricultural University	ii.	<i>Indian Journal of Ecology</i>	164
	iii.	<i>Indian Journal of Agricultural Sciences</i>	156
	iv.	<i>Journal of Food Science and Technology</i>	109
	v.	<i>Indian Journal of Horticulture</i>	102

3.5 Research output and Impact

Table 6 demonstrates the total articles produced by ICAR's top-ranked institutions during ten years, as well as the sum of citations obtained, and also validates that more articles were published at IARI in 2021 ($NP=1032$, h -index=94).

Table 6. Research Output and Impact

Year	NDRI ($h=59$)		IVRI ($h=68$)		IARI ($h=94$)		GBPU ($h=60$)		PAU ($h=77$)	
	NP	TC	NP	TC	NP	TC	NP	TC	NP	TC
2012	220	2833	377	4033	526	12032	262	2839	264	4438
2013	209	1952	394	3883	608	10231	284	2728	289	3988
2014	270	4244	499	5847	660	10169	257	2106	375	6024
2015	335	3747	455	4261	731	9742	263	2505	425	5124
2016	315	2934	367	3471	782	8293	305	2790	443	3796
2017	348	2998	406	3221	837	8073	336	2271	430	3695
2018	309	1824	346	2531	746	5531	307	1767	425	4337
2019	249	1058	324	1356	836	5053	257	2107	438	2128
2020	273	811	420	4592	859	2752	276	1844	647	1910
2021	361	226	522	1101	1032	925	388	528	932	748
Total	2889	22,627	4110	34,296	7617	72,801	2935	21,485	4668	36,188

3.6 Highly cited papers and citation profile

The research impact is a significant standard for evaluating any research. Furthermore, tracking citations is an important and mutual criterion for measuring research impact. In other words, the sum of citations obtained is directly connected to the published work's credit. Table 7 shows the most cited papers ranked by citation gained, and all of these papers received one hundred or more citations over the last decade (2012-2021). The citation profile of all documents is displayed in Table 8.

Table 7. Highly cited articles

NDRI				
Name	Year	DOIs	TC	TCpY
Goyal A	2014	10.1007/s13197-013-1247-9	310	34.44
Sari TP	2015	10.1016/j.foodhyd.2014.07.011	306	38.25
Singh BP	2014	10.1016/j.peptides.2014.01.022	298	33.11
Nagpal R	2012	10.1111/j.1574-6968.2012.02593.x	261	23.73

Dahiya DK	2017	10.3389/fmicb.2017.00563	183	30.5
IVRI				
Name	Year	DOIs	TC	TCpY
Rodriguez-Morales AJ	2020	10.1016/j.tmaid.2020.101623	1268	422.67
Rahal A	2014	10.1155/2014/761264	897	99.67
Klionsky DJ	2021	10.1080/15548627.2020.1797280	429	214.5
Dhama K	2020	10.1128/CMR.00028-20	392	130.67
Dhama K	2020	10.1080/21645515.2020.1735227	298	99.33
IARI				
Name	Year	DOIs	TC	TCpY
Sato S	2012	10.1038/nature11119	2033	184.82
Lukaszewski AJ	2014	10.1126/science.1251788	1114	123.78
Asseng S	2015	10.1038/nclimate2470	1010	126.25
Asseng S	2013	10.1038/nclimate1916	818	81.8
Wasson AP	2012	10.1093/jxb/ers111	470	42.73
GBPU				
Name	Year	DOIs	TC	TCpY
Saini JK	2015	10.1007/s13205-014-0246-5	541	67.63
Sharma P	2012	10.1007/s12010-012-9759-8	299	27.18
Javaid M	2020	10.1016/j.dsx.2020.04.032	279	93
Singh RP	2020	10.1016/j.dsx.2020.04.041	264	88
Joshi D	2016	10.1016/j.ejor.2015.06.047	243	34.71
PAU				
Name	Year	DOIs	TC	TCpY
Appels R	2018	10.1126/science.aar7191	1396	279.2
Lukaszewski AJ	2014	10.1126/science.1251788	1114	123.78
Dhall RK	2013	10.1080/10408398.2010.541568	420	42
Marcussen T	2014	10.1126/science.1250092	399	44.33
Hirose S	2017	10.1103/PhysRevLett.118.211801	376	62.67

Table 8. Citation profile

Citation Range	Publications				
	NDRI	IVRI	IARI	GBPU	PAU
Uncited	573	867	1561	845	1351
≥1	2316	3243	6056	2090	3317
≥5	1262	1778	3392	1112	1642
≥10	751	1075	2114	691	980
≥20	363	481	1058	333	521
≥50	100	119	315	84	151
≥100	15	32	87	22	52

Total	2889	4110	7617	2935	4668
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3.7 Most prolific authors

Table 9 lists the most prolific authors from each institute, according to their publication count. Dhama K, affiliated with IVRI, ranked first in the list with ($NP=558$; $TC=12,571$), followed by Tiwari R again from IVRI with ($NP=182$; $TC=7632$), Nain L from IARI with ($NP=167$; $TC=3254$), Malik YS from IVRI with 164 publications ($TC=3600$) and so on. From 2012 to 2021, these 25 authors published 3282 out of 22,219 papers.

Table 9. Most prolific authors

NDRI					
Name	NP	TC	<i>h</i>-index	<i>g</i>-index	<i>m</i>-index
Mohanty AK	128	1261	20	27	1.818
Mohanty TK	127	917	16	23	1.455
Kumaresan A	123	1131	18	26	1.636
Chakravarty AK	107	530	11	19	1.000
Arora S	102	1396	19	31	1.727
IVRI					
Dhama K	558	12,571	53	94	4.818
Tiwari R	182	7632	48	81	4.364
Malik YS	164	3600	29	56	2.636
Kumar A	118	2761	24	49	2.182
Singh RK	115	2116	25	40	2.273
IARI					
Nain L	167	3254	33	47	3.000
Shivay YS	158	1914	24	39	2.182
Prasanna R	157	3683	34	53	3.091
Singh AK	138	2584	27	43	2.455
Singh NK	127	6439	31	78	2.818
GBPU					
Kumar A	113	1803	24	34	2.182
Singh SB	72	570	13	20	1.182
Srivastava PC	60	489	11	19	1.000
Prakash O	50	184	8	11	0.727
Kumar M	49	924	18	28	1.800
PAU					
Schwanda C	99	1947	19	43	1.900
Aihara H	94	1936	19	43	1.900
Kodyš P	94	1910	18	42	1.800
Mohanty GB	93	2158	19	45	1.900
Singh K	87	4263	23	65	2.091

4. KESIMPULAN

An organisation's high-quality knowledge output reflects its academic excellence. The published literature of the top five ranked ICAR institutes was assessed in terms of publication growth, key subject areas, document forms, prime researchers, preferred sources for publication and received citations by these publications in the current study.

Among all institutes studied, the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) has the most published articles in serials and the most citations and referenced articles. 3235 papers were published in 2021 than in the previous ten years (out of 22,219 articles contributed by all institutions). Other publications have cited 17,022 papers from these five agricultural institutes, accounting for 76.62 per cent of the total knowledge production.

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