

Under Section 4(1)(b)(i) of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005,

(Particulars of its organization, functions, and duties)

The proactive disclosure for **ICAR-CRIJAF (Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres)** outlines its core organizational structure, operational mandate, and administrative setup:

1. Particulars of the Organization

- **Name of the Organization:** ICAR-Central Research Institute for Jute and Allied Fibres (ICAR-CRIJAF)
- **Parent Body:** Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India.
- **Headquarters:** Nilganj, Barrackpore, Kolkata - 700121, West Bengal, India.
- **Head of the Organization:** Director (Current Director: Dr. Gouranga Kar)
- **Administrative Status:** A premier autonomous national institute focusing on crop sciences specifically tailored to Jute and allied fiber crops.

Regional Footprint & Research Stations:

To cater to specific agro-climatic requirements across India, ICAR-CRIJAF manages four dedicated regional research stations and two Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs):

1. **Sunnhemp Research Station:** Pratapgarh, Uttar Pradesh
2. **Ramie Research Station:** Sorbhog, Assam
3. **Sisal Research Station:** Bamra, Odisha
4. **Central Seed Research Station for Jute & Allied Fibres:** Budbud, West Bengal
5. **KVKs:** Located at Budbud (Burdwan district) and within the main CRIJAF Campus at Barrackpore.

2. Vision and Mission

- **Vision:** To ensure sustainable growth, high productivity, and premium quality processing of jute and allied fibre crops, matching global competitive parameters while securing the livelihoods of small and marginal farmers.
- **Mission:** To explore traditional and new frontiers of science and knowledge for technology development, resource management, and policy guidance resulting in a vibrant, responsive, and resilient jute and allied fibre agriculture ecosystem.

3. Mandate, Functions, and Duties

The institutional responsibilities and primary duties carried out by ICAR-CRIJAF focus on six major commercial natural fiber crops—**Jute, Mesta, Ramie, Sisal, Sunnhemp, and Flax**:

- **Basic & Strategic Research:** Conducting foundational genetic, biological, and biotechnological research to improve fiber yield, quality, and resilience against biotic (pests/diseases) and abiotic (drought/salinity) stresses.
- **Technology Development:** Developing economically viable, sustainable crop production systems, location-specific weed/nutrient management practices, and advanced eco-friendly retting (fiber extraction) technologies.
- **National Coordination:** Coordinating, monitoring, and testing applied regional research across the country through the **All India Network Project on Jute and Allied Fibres (AINPJAF)**.
- **Extension & Capacity Building:** Disseminating institute-approved agricultural technologies, carrying out frontline demonstrations (e.g., through programmes like *Khet Bachao Abhiyan* and *Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav*), training farmers/women self-help groups (SHGs), and promoting entrepreneurship via its Agri-Business Incubation (ABI) cell.

4. Organizational Structure & Governance

The internal setup operates under a structured hierarchy reporting to the Director, categorized into major functional wings:

- **Research Divisions & Sections:**
 - Crop Improvement Division
 - Crop Production Division
 - Crop Protection Division
 - Agricultural Extension Section
- **Central Infrastructure & Support Units:**
 - Prioritization, Monitoring and Evaluation (PME) Cell
 - Central Laboratory, Library, and Museum
 - Administration, Accounts, and Purchase & Store Sections
- **Internal Committees:** The Institute is monitored via local governance bodies like the Institute Management Committee (IMC), Research Advisory Committee (RAC), Staff Research Council (SRC), and the Joint Staff Council (IJSC/CJSC) to ensure transparent operations.

5. Contact Details for Information Seekers

For official RTI communications regarding this section or other queries under Section 4(1)(b):

- **Address:** Office of the Director, ICAR-CRIJAF, Nilganj, Barrackpore, Kolkata - 700121
- **Official Website:** <http://crijaf.res.in>
- **Designated RTI Officers:** The institute updates details for its Central Public Information Officer (CPIO), First Appellate Authority (FAA), and Transparency Officer directly on its site's dedicated "RTI" portal.

