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Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurates National Agriculture Fair, 'Krishi Unnati'

New Delhi, 21 March 2016. Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, inaugurated a three-day National Agriculture Fair-'Krishi Unnati' on 19 March 2016 at Indian Agricultural Research Institute.



Hon'ble P.M. emphasized the important role of rural economy in enhancing and pushing up the national economy which largely depends on agricultural growth. Shri Modi said that the

Government of India is striving for and has taken necessary steps for doubling the income of farmers by 2022 A.D. Hon'ble Prime Minister appreciated the initiative of National Agriculture Fair on mega-scale which is an effective outreach and training effort to communicate and demonstrate new technologies and innovations directly to farmers. While highlighting some key features of the Union Budget, he said this budget is for poor, farmers and villagers and targets holistic development of agriculture including overall welfare of the farmers particularly their prosperity through agricultural pursuits. Shri Modi stressed the need of second agricultural revolution for which eastern region of the country has the potential and government is making all out efforts for enhancing the productivity through S&T applications and other necessary support mechanisms. Hon'ble Prime Minister advised farmers to practice agriculture based on three pillars-regular farming of cereals, fruits, vegetables; plantation of tree species for timber on edges of the farms; and animal husbandry which should include dairy, fisheries, poultry and also the profitable bee-keeping. Shri Modi suggested adoption of organic agriculture and value addition for increasing the profitability and income from farming for which Government is also providing support through various schemes. Stressing the need of effective market linkages for farmers, Hon'ble Prime Minister elaborated upon the e-market initiative of the government, Soil-Health Card Scheme, *Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana* and *Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana*, and called upon farmers to take full benefits of these schemes which have been launched for welfare of the farming community. Elaborating on 'per drop, more crops', Shri Modi urged farmers and all stakeholders to conserve maximum rainwater this season in farms ponds for better irrigation facilities in future. Hon'ble Prime Minister also launched a Mobile App '*Kisan Suvidha*' for providing various farmer-friendly services. Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare highlighted major features of the National Agriculture Fair and also appreciated Hon'ble Prime Minister for his keen interest, dedication and involvement in farmers' welfare.

The mega event is organized by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Government of India in which Indian Council of Agricultural Research is a major partner and facilitator. Institutes of ICAR across the country participated and exhibited farmer friendly technologies, innovations and products. Besides, various government departments, NGOs, private sector and other stakeholders also participated in the National Agricultural Fair. More than 50,000 farmers across the country participated. Display and sale of high-yielding seeds and plants is another attraction of the event. Farmers' interactive sessions are being organized in which



experts and scientists are providing technological knowledge in simple way along with details of the various government schemes.

Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare visits at Indian Institute of Pulses Research

Kanpur, 13 March 2016. Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, visited Indian Institute of Pulses Research (IIPR). Shri Singh called upon the scientists to develop short duration varieties of pulse crops to foster multiple cropping systems. He called for preparing a road map for increasing pulse production by stressing on short, medium and long-term research efforts. Addressing the pulse growers, Shri Singh said that the farmers and the scientists should go with hand-in-hand to produce sufficient food for the growing population. The Union Minister laid the Foundation Stone of Scientists Apartments and visited the Genetic Stock Management Farm and experimental fields of the Institute. Shri Singh released a farmers' friendly bulletin on *Unnat Dalhan Utpadan Prodikiyon ka Sarwajanikaran*. A farmer, Shri Rajendra Prasad Savita of village Vidokhar, District Hamirpur, was honoured with *Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Krishi Antyodaya Puraskar* by the Union Minister.



Dr Trilochan Mohapatra (Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR) briefed about pulse production scenario in the country, keeping in the foreground, the importance and significance of 'International Year of Pulses'. Dr Mohapatra highlighted the achievements of the Institute in development of new high-yielding varieties and matching crop production technologies. Dr N.P. Singh (Director, IIPR) assured all that with immense support of the Government and massive scientific and technical strength, the production of pulses will achieve all targets. The Director (IIPR) assured that in the 'International Year of Pulses', scientists and pulse growers will leave no stone unturned to make the country self-reliant.

ILRI-ICAR Workshop on Communication and Knowledge Management in Animal Science Research...

New Delhi, 4 March 2016. Dr Trilochan Mohapatra [Secretary (DARE) and Director General (ICAR)] inaugurated 'ILRI-ICAR Workshop on Communication and Knowledge



Management in Animal Science Research and Development'. Dr Mohapatra (DG, ICAR) emphasized the need to further strengthen relations between ILRI and ICAR in this field for better outreach of research outcomes. He stressed value-chains can be developed across livestock sector through mobilization of stakeholders with relatively low investment. Dr Mohapatra also suggested some of the areas where ICAR-ILRI collaboration can go long way.

Dr James Wilson Smith (Director General, International Livestock Research Institute) highlighted the important and increasing role of livestock sector in sustaining food security at global level. Dr Wilson hoped that deliberations in this workshop will help enhanced sharing of experiences in livestock sector with appropriate communication strategies.

Dr A.K. Singh (DDG, Agricultural Extension) shared his experiences in extension issues related to livestock sector at ground level. Dr H. Rahman, (DDG, Animal Science), elaborated upon various areas of collaboration with ILRI in various sector. Dr Rameshwar Singh, (Project Director, Directorate of Knowledge Management in Agriculture), Dr Alok Jha, (ILRI-Regional Representative for South Asia) and Mr Peter Ballantyne (Head, Communications and Knowledge Management, ILRI) outlined the objectives, theme and work plan of the workshop.



Under Tribal Sub-Plan Programmes

'Mithun mela-cum-farmers' awareness programme' at NRC on Mithun

Pasighat, 6 March 2016. The National Research Centre on Mithun, Nagaland; Department of Veterinary & Animal Husbandry, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, and College of Horticulture & Forestry, CAU, Pasighat jointly organized 'Mithun Mela-cum-Farmers' Awareness Programme' at Takilalung village.

Shri Ninong Ering (Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha) emphasized that scientific Mithun rearing would not only improve the livelihood of the farmers but also help in rejuvenation of the forests cover. Shri Ering also stressed about setting up a Mithun centre in Arunachal Pradesh, having the largest Mithun population in India.

Shri Kaling Moyong (Pasighat, MLA) expressed his happiness on the initiatives of NRCM in creating awareness among the farmers. Mithun is an integral part of socio-economic life and pride of Arunachalees, Shri Moyong added. Dr Abhijit Mitra (Director, NRCM) apprised about the mandate of the Institute and stressed about the scientific Mithun rearing. One hundred and fifty piglets, a medicine-kit, and 'Mithun-min'- mineral mixture developed at NRCM, were distributed to the villagers under Tribal Sub-Plan.

Fish harvesting practices

Thrissur, 2 March, 2016. The Central Institute of Fisheries Technology, Cochin in collaboration with World Wide Fund for Nature organized one day training-cum-demonstration programme on 'Responsible Fish Harvesting Practices' for inland fisher-folk at Vazhachal. The Athirappilly Panchayat (Vazhachal) has around 1,200 tribal people belonging to Kadar and Malayan tribes, in nine colonies, who collect forest resources, including fish over the past many decades. Usually fishing is done using bamboo rafts (*Pondi*) and gillnets (*Vaisaalivala*). Both men and women in the family are involved in fishing operations in Chalakudiriver and Perigalkuthu reservoir. Net is set during evening hours and is hauled during morning hours. Marketing is done through *Vana Samrakshana Samiti* or through private intermediaries. On an average 1 kg of fish fetches around ₹ 100.00 for the tribal fisher folk. Recently, the Vazhachal Community Forest Resource Coordination Sangham had identified the vulnerable or endangered inland fish species and had taken a voluntary resource management decision of not fishing during the monsoon season.



Shri S.N. Sunilal (ARO, Forest Department, Vazhachal) inaugurated training programme 'WWF, India' which was attended by fifty tribal fisher folk from different colonies.

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