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MESSAGE

It is a matter of great pride and pleasure to learn that an International congress on “**post-harvest technologies of agricultural produce for sustainable food and nutritional security**” is being jointly organized by Uttar Pradesh Council of Agricultural Research, Lucknow and Integral Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology, Integral University, Lucknow during 10-12 November, 2016.

Today, one of the main global challenges is how to ensure food security for a world growing population whilst ensuring long-term sustainable development. According to the FAO, food production will need to grow by 70% to feed world population which will reach 9 billion by 2050. Further trends like increasing urban population, shift of lifestyle and diet patterns of the rising middle class in emerging economies along with climate change put considerable pressure strain on the planet resources. Consequently, there is a need for an integrated and innovative approach to the global effort of ensuring sustainable food production and consumption. In the meantime, while the number of food insecure population remains unacceptably high, each year and worldwide, massive quantities of food are lost due to spoilage and infestations on the journey to consumers. Obviously, one of the major ways of strengthening food security is by reducing post-harvest losses and value addition through the secondary farming. Post-harvest technology is an inter-disciplinary science and technology applied to agricultural produce after harvesting in various operation.

I hope the congress would deliberate issues related to post-harvest technologies and discuss in details the emerging challenges and come out with concrete recommendations to address the issues facing food and nutritional security. I take this opportunity to compliment Organizing Secretary as well as the team of scientists for their untiring efforts put in by them for this event.

I convey my felicitation and best wishes for the grand success of this mega event.


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