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### MESSAGE

I am really happy and appreciate the effort taken by the organisers in hosting the International Congress on "Post- harvest Technologies of Agricultural Produce for Sustainable Food and Nutritional Security" and bringing out a souvenir on this important occasion. Throughout the world and especially for the developing countries, agriculture and allied sectors such as animal husbandry and aquaculture has been a major food production sector and also the major source of livelihood. However, low productivity has been a major issue and thereby it lags far behind when compared to other developed countries. Improvement in agricultural productivity can substantially help in boosting the food production, and also providing economic benefits and alternate livelihood to the rural population. Reduction in post- harvest loss can be the most possible precaution through which the productivity can significantly be increased. FAO estimates as high as 40-50% of harvested products to get spoiled till it reach marketing. Inefficient post-harvest handling is a major cause of such kind of loss and considerable effort should be put to avoid this. All the possible risk factors should get controlled through Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) to establish a good marketing practice and thereby reduce the loss. I am sure lots of innovative ideas and practices will be discussed in this international congress on HACCP and other aspects to avoid the post-harvest loss and thereby provide a way to increase the productivity.

I am sure the Congress would serve as a platform in highlighting the developments in post-harvest technologies of agricultural produce and would pave way for fruitful interactions with the national and international researchers in achieving sustainable food and nutritional security for the country.

I take this opportunity to congratulate the Institute for organizing such an important Conference and wish the event all success.

  
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