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MESSAGE

I am very happy to know that **Integral Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology (IIAST), Integral University, Lucknow** in association with **Uttar Pradesh Council of Agricultural Research (UPCAR)** is organizing "**International Congress on Post-Harvest Technologies of Agricultural Produce for Sustainable Food and Nutritional security**" during 10th-12th Nov., 2016.

Post-harvest technology is inter-disciplinary "Science and Technology" applied to agricultural produce after harvest for its protection, conservation, processing, packaging, distribution, marketing, and utilization to meet the food and nutritional requirements of the people in relation to their needs. It has capability to meet food requirement of growing population by eliminating avoidable losses making more nutritive food items from low grade raw commodity by proper processing and fortification, diverting portion of food material being fed to cattle by way of processing and fortifying low grade food and organic wastes and by-products into nutritive animal feed. Post-harvest technology enhances the quality of the products and make it readily marketable. Post-harvest technology also has great potential to create rural industries.

I hope that this congress is a unique opportunity for the scientists and technologists to present and discuss various latest post-harvest technologies for different agricultural produces.

I congratulate the organizers and participants of this congress and my best wishes are for the successful publication of the Souvenir.


(Narendra Singh Rathore)