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Message

I am delighted to know that the Integral Institute of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (IIAST), Integral University, Lucknow in collaboration with U.P. Council for Agricultural Research (UPCAR) is organizing “**International Congress on Post-Harvest Technologies of Agricultural Produce for Sustainable Food and Nutritional Security**”. This seems to be a unique and much-awaited congress in Indian perspectives where post-harvest management is a huge challenge. I am pretty sure that this congress will not only initiate an active dialogue among the scientists, agro-industries and farmers but also translate the ideas into a ground level reality.

India is such a unique country which has been performing very dismal on the Global Hunger Index with a low score of 28.5 in 2016 while on the other hand almost incurring 30% losses in the cash crops specially fruits and vegetables due to poor post-harvest management. Further, according to UN report, 15.2% of Indian population is malnourished. If we are able to minimize the post-harvest losses, we could eventually feed our hungry population and subsequently reduce the BPL cardholders and subsidies. I have no doubt in my mind that this congress is going to ring a wakeup call for all those involved in this chain beginning from the farmers, scientists, policy makers, industries and governments. The exchange of ideas, transfer of innovative technologies to the farmers and a well-coordinated post-harvest management will ensure a “healthy and prosperous India”.

I wish a grand success of this congress with greetings and compliments to the organizers for their untiring efforts.

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