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MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to know that Uttar Pradesh Council of Agricultural Research (UPCAR), Lucknow and Integral Institute of Agricultural Science and Technology (IIAST), Integral University, Lucknow are jointly organizing an International Congress on 'Post-Harvest Technologies of Agricultural Produce for Sustainable Food and Nutritional Security' on 10-12, November 2016 in Lucknow.

A key concern for agriculture in India today is of post-harvest management of farm produce which encounters wastage at all levels of the value chain starting from farmer, transporter, wholesaler and retailer. The cumulative wastage of agricultural produce is very high and estimated to be around 5-6 per cent in case of foodgrains and up to 20 per cent in case of horticulture crops. We need to develop appropriate technologies and supporting infrastructure to minimize this wastage and enable the farmers to get remunerative prices for their produce. I am sure that discussion during the International Congress would culminate in formulation of a clear roadmap to address the issues of post-harvest technologies for sustainable food and nutritional security.

I wish the event a grand success.

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