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Message

I am delighted that the Uttar Pradesh Council of Agricultural Research (UPCAR), is organizing the International Congress on "**Post-Harvest Technologies of Agriculture Produce for Sustainable Food and Nutritional Security**" in collaboration with Integral University, Lucknow, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' welfare, Govt. of India, Sam Higginbottom Institute of Agriculture, Technology and Sciences (SHIATS) and Uttar Pradesh Academy of Agricultural Sciences (UPAAS) Lucknow, from 10-12th November, 2016 at Integral University, Lucknow.

Uttar Pradesh has immense significance in the context of food security of the country as it contributes about one-fifth of the total foodgrain production in the country, which is highest among all the states. At present large population, small farm holdings, intensive cultivation and vast climatic variations are big challenges responsible for decline in productivity leading to poverty and food insecurity. Another reason of poverty and food insecurity is the food loss. In developing countries, most food losses take place after crop harvest, between the field and the market. However, the specific causes of postharvest loss vary widely, depending on crop type, region, culture, weather, and farmers' incomes. The theme of congress is very relevant in the present context and it will deliberate on issues related to research and development efforts in the area of post-harvest technologies and will spell out way forward to reduce post-harvest losses of agricultural produce.

I wish the Congress a grand success.


(Vinod Kumar "Pandit Singh")