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#### Prelude

The National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), New Delhi has been organizing the Agricultural Science Congress in a biennial cycle since 1992. The XVI edition of the Agricultural Science Congress (XVI ASC) was hosted by the ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI), Kochi during 10 to 13 October 2023 in offline mode at the International Convention Centre, Le Méridien, Kochi, Kerala.

The theme of the Congress was "Transformation of Agri-Food Systems for Achieving Sustainable Development Goals". With the increasing demand for food, degrading environmental conditions, and looming climate change challenges, it becomes imperative that we transform our agri-food systems into sustainable enterprises to facilitate its benefits to be just, equitable and last for generations to come. The Congress aimed to bring together leading academicians, researchers, students, farmers, entrepreneurs, etc. to exchange and share their research findings, ideas and experiences on all aspects of agri-food systems to enable formulation of the way forward to transform our agri-food system to meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations. More than 1800 delegates attended the Congress. The delegates and participants were given ample opportunities to highlight their views and share knowledge on all issues related to agriculture and allied subjects and sustainability issues. The interactions covered various interdisciplinary subjects such as land and water, agricultural production systems, products, agricultural machinery, economics, renewable/ alternative energy, precision farming, alternative farming systems, coastal agriculture, next-generation technologies, etc. It is hoped that the outcomes from the Congress will pave way for renewed efforts towards finding solutions to the problems confronting India's Agricultural and allied sectors.

Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan

Director, ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi & Organizing Secretary, 16ASC2023









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#### MESSAGE

It is a pleasure to learn about the XVI Agricultural Science Congress 2023 organised by National Academy of Agricultural Sciences in collaboration with ICAE-Central Maritee Flisherine Recentral Fentines, Notes Tire tupies of deliberations at the Congress which is related to transformation of agri-flood systems for achieving Sustainable Development Goods (SDOs) is relevant to or time Congress.

Agriculture is the heart of every civilisation, notion and occorony. For contaries, agriculture has been no integral part of our occorony and culture. Living in humanous with inture is an integral part of our value system.

With such illustrious traditions, today, the nation is increasingly looking at natural farming as a way to make agriculture sustainable and farmers self-reliant. The adoption of traditional practices in agriculture is making a key contribution to further sustainable surjections.

Additionally, the need of the hour is to rescue agriculture from monoculture and calilicate diverse oraps such as millsts. At India's indiative, the role of world is celebrating the linemational V are of Millies. This encourages a form of agreenance this is no resource-intensive, is resilient and also guarantees matrices excertly. The pepularization of millets also increases incomes for our small furners.

Water accose and management is mother crucial uspect. Through sostained efforts, a positive transformation has been injected into the agriculture ecosyatem. The 'Per Drop More Crop' instaint the brailed the beginning of a consected efforts to expend micro-inrigation methods. Micro-inrigation is playing a vital role in preserving our precious

The SIOs reflect humanity's commitment to collectively address various challenges fiscing humanity, from climinating poverty, reducing inequalities, increasing agricultural productivity, to ending hungers by providing food security and farthering access to natritious food. With inclus's voice gaining respect at the global relet, conventions such as these holp in brigging together various respects who can entire the global discourse.

I am sure that the deliberations at the Congress will help prepare a futuristic biasprint to further sustainable development in the agriculture sector and attain SDGs. May the discussions be finitful, making XVI Agriculture Science Congress 2023 be a huge success.

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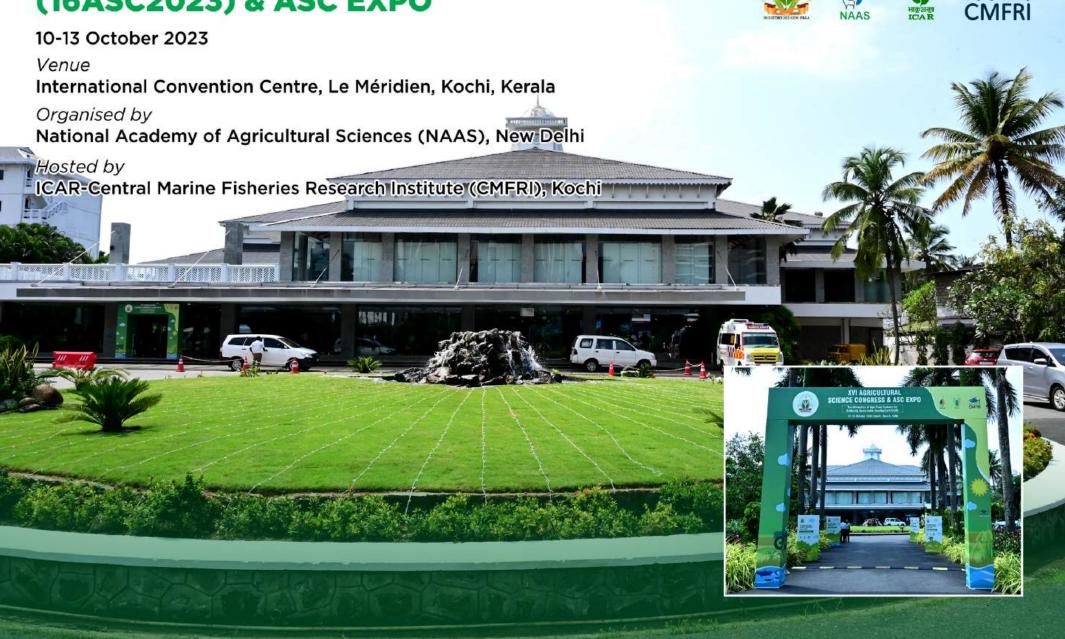
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Address by Guest of Honour: Shri Hibi Eden Hon'ble Member of Parliament Ernakulam

Address by Guest of Honour:

Shri P. Prasad Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Govt. of Kerala

Presidential Address:

Dr Himanshu Pathak Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR President, NAAS

Inauguration:

Shri Parshottam Rupala Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Animal Husbandry & Dairying Govt. of India

Vote of Thanks:

Dr A. Gopalakrishnan Organizing Secretary 16ASC 2023 & Director, ICAR-CMFRI



















# EXHIBITION INAUGURATION

The XVI ASC Agri-Expo showcased a dazzling array of institutions, technologies, and services, offering a captivating glimpse into the future of agriculture, fisheries, and animal husbandry.

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Shri Parshottam Rupala Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries Animal Husbandry & Dairying Govt. of India Convenor:

Dr. A. Gopalakrishnan Director, ICAR-CMFRI





#### THEME 1:

# ENSURING FOOD & NUTRITIONAL SECURITY: PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION AND VALUE ADDITION

Theme Convenor:

Dr. M.S. Bamji INSA Emeritus Scientist & Former Director-Grade Scientist, ICMR-NIN, Hyderabad























































Recommendations: To build a resilient and nutrition-secure food system, it is essential to diversify India's predominantly cereal-based diet, reduce anti-nutrients, and foster behavioral changes that promote dietary diversity alongside nutrition literacy; we must also address food loss and waste, encourage youth to embrace agriculture as a career, advance food fortification to tackle micro-nutrient deficiencies, optimize production systems for nutrient-rich crops like pulses and millets, improve non-bovine milk production, monitor food contamination by microbial toxins, and promote direct-seeded rice and other sustainable crop practices.

























#### THEME 2:

SUSTAINABLE AGRI- FOOD SYSTEMS

SESSION 1:

TECHNICAL CLIMATE A

ACTION

# CLIMATE ACTION FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRI- FOOD SYSTEMS

Theme Convenor: Dr. Anil K. Singh Vice President, NAAS

Recommendations: To create a sustainable and climate resilient food and energy system, investment in emerging disruptive technologies like single-cell protein, microbial fuel cells, and green ammonia is essential, alongside strengthening indigenous practices in the NE Himalayan region for adaptation and mitigation, cataloging and improving them through R&D; conducting granular vulnerability and risk assessments commodity-wise using advanced tools like remote sensing; applying big data and machine learning to bridge rice yield gaps, monitor GHG emissions, and enhance resource efficiency; and identifying areas to reduce paddy fertilizer use without compromising yields to alleviate economic and environmental burdens.





























# **ADVANCES IN GENOMICS AND CRISPR-CAS SYSTEMS CROP IMPROVEMENT** TECHNICAL SESSION 1:

#### THEME 3:

#### FRONTIER SCIENCE AND EMERGING GENETIC TECHNOLOGIES: GENOMICS AND GENE EDITING

Theme Convenor: Dr. C. Viswanathan

Joint Director (Research), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi





















# S SYSTEMS FOR CROP IMPROVEMENT





















Recommendations: To enhance crop resilience and productivity, it is essential to bring about transformation in chickpea production systems, study pathogen interactions for BB resistance, optimize gene-editing systems, and develop time-based target traits. This requires a deep understanding of gene biology for commercial use, increased funding for genomics-assisted breeding, a comprehensive biotechnology roadmap, and exploratory research for valuable genes. Additionally, boosting investments in CRISPR-Cas, streamlining regulations for SDN-1 and SDN-2 editing, engaging the private sector in research, resolving IPR issues, and fostering societal dialogue on the sociocultural and sustainability impacts of new technologies are crucial.

























#### THEME 4:

# LIVESTOCK SECTOR TRANSFORMATION FOR FOOD SECURITY

Theme Convenor: **Dr. K.M. Bujarbaruah**Former VC, AAU, Jorhat

**TOWARDS LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION SECTOR TRANSFORMATION** 

TECHNICAL SESSION 1:





































# Theme Convenor: Dr. Triveni Dutt Director, ICAR-IVRI, Izatnagar

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Recommendations: Establishing a National Phenomics Facility for livestock and poultry to support precision breeding, implementing a National Mission on animal feed and fodder security, conducting GHG mitigation pilot projects, and harnessing specialty animal products from India's indigenous biodiversity, along with programs for non-bovine milk for nutraceutical uses, operational research on portable slaughterhouses, initiatives to double rural poultry farmers' incomes, and pilot studies on sex-sorted semen-embryo transfer, are crucial steps toward transforming and enhancing sustainability in the livestock production sector while significantly improving productivity and farmer livelihoods.























THEME 5:

# HORTICULTURE BASED TRANSFORMATIONS OF FOOD SYSTEMS

Theme Convenor : **Dr. Sanjay Kumar Singh** Director, ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru





















TECHNICAL SESSION 1: FRUIT AND PLANTATION CROPS

















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TECHNICAL SESSION 2:







































Recommendations: To transform food systems through horticulture, the Government of India's Clean Plant Program should focus on monitoring certified nurseries for genetic fidelity and disease-free scions/rootstocks, while promoting large-scale multiplication of QPM through public-private partnerships. It is essential to confine organic production to surplus fruit crops with low pest pressures for export, prioritize breeding and gene editing for disease resistance, reduce pesticide use through need-based applications, enhance research on bio-fortification and bioremediation, and implement mechanization to reduce labor in the value chain. Transformation of horticulture requires commodity-specific protocols for industrialized practices, standardization of speed breeding technologies, genomic tools for exploring genetic diversity, and capacity building for detecting seed-borne pathogens under the "One Health" framework.



























#### THEME 6:

## **AQUACULTURE & FISHERIES-BASED**

Theme Convenor: Dr. J.K. Jena DDG (Fisheries Science) ICAR









TECHNICAL SESSION 1:































Session Coordinator



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Recommendations: Promote sustainable aquaculture through smart technologies, climate-resilient management, and carbon footprint reduction, while advancing species improvements via genomic tools. Additionally, prioritize reducing post-harvest losses with innovative preservation methods and broaden gender research in fisheries and aquaculture.





















#### THEME 7:

### **NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE**

**WATER HARVESTING AND ENHANGING WATER PRODUCTIVITY** TECHNICAL SESSION 1:



















































Recommendations: Enhance water productivity through demand-driven irrigation, nature-based solutions, and wastewater reuse, and promote micro-irrigation to improve efficiency, particularly in groundwater areas. Additionally, integrate sustainable agronomic practices, soil health management, carbon farming, and research on rhizosphere microbiomes to promote nutritional security, mitigate climate change, and enable sustainable agroecosystems.





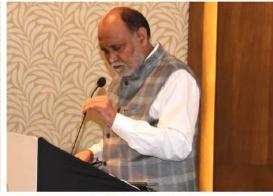






































#### THEME 8:

## NEXT GENERATION TECHNOLOGIES: DIGITAL AGRICULTURE, PRECISION FARMING AND AI-BASED SYSTEMS

Theme Convenor : Dr. Rajender Parsad Director, IASRI











TECHNICAL SESSION 1: DIGITAL AGRICULTURE



























Recommendations: Develop standardized data platforms following FAIR principles and advanced analytics for smart farming, and promote interdisciplinary collaborations to scale digital agriculture infrastructure and foster innovation. Additionally, strengthen AI infrastructure, enhance data quality protocols, advance AI applications in plant phenomics and pest management, and establish Centers of Excellence in AI to support capacity building and digital solutions in agriculture.

























THEME 9:

## ROLE OF POLICIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN TRANSFORMING AGRI-FOOD SYSTEM

Theme Convenor:

Dr. P.K. Joshi
Former Director,
South Asia International
Food Policy Research Institute

























**FOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION: ROLE OF POLICIES** TECHNICAL SESSION 1:

**NSTITUTIONS** 

# **DIET DIVERSIFICATION AND FOOD SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION** TECHNICAL SESSION 2:

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Recommendations: Foster inter-ministerial convergence, infrastructure investment in water and sanitation, and inclusive policies for women empowerment to improve health and nutrition. Additionally, address agri-food system heterogeneity, promote dietary diversification in food safety-net programs, and increase investment in value chain infrastructure and agri-industry linkages to support food system transformation.















## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR RESEARCH, EDUCATION TECHNICAL SESSION 1: DEVELOPMENT

THEME 10:

## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP FOR RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Theme Convenor:

Prof. Kadambot Siddique

UWA, Australia

**Recommendations:** Establish international partnerships for research, education, and development through strategic planning and ensure proper follow-up actions for their success. Focus on translational research without duplication and secure adequate funding to support effective international collaborations.













#### **PANEL DISCUSSION 1:**

#### **QUALITY EDUCATION FOR TRANSFORMING AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS**

Theme Convenor: Dr R C Agrawal DDG (Ag. Edu.), ICAR

Recommendations: Multidisciplinary approaches, STEM integration, professional development, and non-agri food systems can enhance academic legitimacy, employability, and effectiveness in agri food systems. Incorporating courses like Systems Agriculture, Agri food systems and transformation, and Synthetic Biology can further strengthen the sector. Modern infrastructure can improve service delivery.





















## PANEL DISCUSSION 2: INNOVATION IN INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

Theme Convenor :

Dr Ashok K Singh
Vice-Chancellor,
RLBCAU, Jhansi

Recommendations: Digital agriculture is essential for bridging yield gaps and enhancing farmer incomes. Knowledge models, coherent research-teaching-extension, customized advisories, multimedia platforms, and integrated databases can empower farmers with information and resources. By addressing macro-issues and adopting a platform-based approach, digital coverage can be scaled up and its reach and effectiveness in rural areas can be ensured.













#### **PANEL DISCUSSION 3:**

## FARMING SYSTEMS FOR ENHANCING NUTRITION AND SUSTAINABILITY

Theme Convenor:

Dr V K Singh

Director, ICAR-CRIDA,
Hyderabad

**Recommendations:** Integrated farming systems are crucial for sustainable agriculture and food security. They offer diverse benefits, from improved soil health and productivity to enhanced nutritional security and reduced environmental impact. By embracing these systems and supporting their adoption, we can create a more resilient and equitable food system for generations to come.



























SYMPOSIUM 1:

COASTAL AGRICULTURE: LIVELIHOOD AND SUSTAINABILITY

Convenor:

Dr Parveen Kumar Director, CCARI, Goa

Recommendations: Crop diversification, IFS, climate adaptation, natural farming, and agro-eco-tourism can boost coastal productivity, income, and sustainability.































#### SYMPOSIUM 2:

#### **IYM 2023 - MAINSTREAMING MILLETS**



Dr C Tara Satyavathi

Director, ICAR-IIMR, Hyderabad

Recommendations: Exploring millet germplasm, applying modern tools and techniques for enhancing productivity, mapping areas for integrated cropping, adopting standard agronomic practices, establishing grades and standards for enhanced shelf life, and determining the degree of millet polishing are key strategies for boosting millet production.







































#### SYMPOSIUM 3:

## REPURPOSING AGRICULTURE FOR ACHIEVING SDGs



Convenor:

Dr P S Birthal Director, NIAP

**Recommendations:** For sustainable agriculture, invest in supply chains, technology adoption, and rationalized subsidies. Converge FPOs with agri-startups for better development.



















#### **PLENARY LECTURE 1:**

#### **RETHINKING FOOD CRISIS RESPONSES**



Chair: Dr R S Paroda Chairman, TAAS Convenor:
Dr P K Joshi
Former Secretary,
NAAS

Speaker:

Dr Channing Arndt Senior Director for Transformation of Strategies of CGIAR and IFPRI

Recommendations: Develop a database of regional agri-innovators, enhance their skills to address technological challenges, implement early warning systems to mitigate risks, integrate risk and resilience into investment decisions, and establish flexible social safety nets.

















#### **PLENARY LECTURE 2:**

#### THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GENE EDITING TOWARDS **ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

Chair: Dr P L Gautam Former Chairperson,

PPV&FRA

Convenor: Dr Malavika Dadlani Prof Stuart Smyth Editor, NAAS

Speaker:

Agri-Food Innovation and Sustainability Enhancement Chair, The University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Recommendations: Crop losses from biotic and abiotic stress are a significant concern. Gene editing protocols SDN1 and SDN2 are promising for agricultural applications that can potentially address this issue by developing more resistant crops, leading to increased production and improved overall efficiency.





















#### **PLENARY LECTURE 4:**

## BIOTECHNOLOGY FOR SUSTAINABLE USE OF BIODIVERSITY TO TRANSFORM AGRI-FOOD SYSTEM

Convenor:

Chair : Dr Himanshu Pathak President, NAAS,

Dr A K Singh Vice-President, NAAS Speaker:

President, NAAS, Vices Secretary DARE & DG, ICAR

Dr Trilochan Mohapatra Chairperson, PPV&FRA

Recommendations: A duplicate National Gene Bank and institutional support for farmer-conserved seeds are essential for genetic resource preservation. Gene prospecting, allele mining, pangenomics, landscape genomics, benefit sharing, and expert consultation are crucial for effective utilization and management of genetic resources.















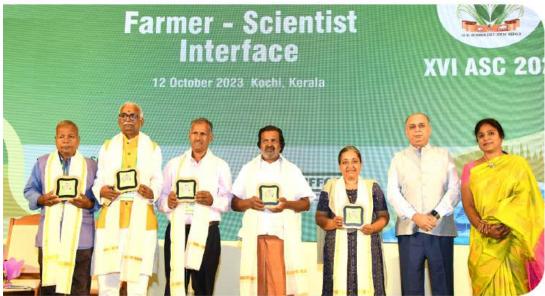




#### **FARMER-SCIENTIST INTERFACE**

Chaired by:

Dr Ashok K. Singh
Vice Chancellor,
Rani Lakshmibhai Central
Agricultural University, Jhansi





















#### **INDUSTRY MEET**

Convenor:

Dr Shyam Narayan Jha

DDG (Engineering)

Recommendations: Research and development are crucial for sustainable fisheries and animal husbandry. Need-based research, private investment, indigenous feed formulation, CSR funding, low-cost alternatives, market-driven research, and incubation can drive innovation and improve the economic conditions of fishers and farmers.







































#### TECHNOLOGY PRODUCT PROMOTIONS



Convenor:

Dr Shyam S Salim

Principal Scientist,
ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi

Recommendations: Research and development are crucial for the growth of the agri-food industry. Collaboration between research institutions, farmers, and industries can lead to innovative products, reduce costs, and improve the socio-economic conditions of rural communities.



















#### STUDENT'S ELOCUTION CONTEST

Convenor:

**Dr. Anupama Singh**Joint Director (Education), ICAR-IARI, New Delhi

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#### **SPECIAL SESSION:**

## ROLE OF PPV&FRA IN TRANSFORMATION OF AGRI- FOOD SYSTEMS FOR ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Theme Convenor:

Dr. T. Mohapatra

Chairperson, PPV&FRA, New Delhi

Recommendations: Protection, registration and promotion of farmed varieties; promotion of community seed banks to ensure quality seed supply; encouraging farmers in conserving biodiversity and making them aware about the PPV&FR Act 2001 by providing the document in different languages.

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#### **WORKSHOP:**

## WORKSHOP ON ADVANCEMENTS IN RESEARCH FOR MARINE MAMMAL CONSERVATION IN INDIA

Convenor: Co-Chairs:

Dr. Ratheesh Kumar R Dr. Grinson George, Dr. Sreenath K.R.

Recommendations: Conservation strategies must prioritize research, monitoring, threat mitigation, capacity building, community engagement, and coordinated action. This involves assessing species populations, reducing threats like bycatch and pollution, training stakeholders, engaging communities, and developing comprehensive action plans. Effective conservation requires interdepartmental collaboration and international cooperation to address the migratory nature of many species.

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