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ICFA STATE AGRICULTURE COUNCIL UTTAR PRADESH

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Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) is an apex body to act as think tank, policy research, trade facilitation, development catalyst and monitoring centre for food and agriculture sector and to serve as global platform for partnerships. With the increasing globalization, there are newer challenges emerging which needs to be proactively responded for Indian agriculture to grow, engage and compete globally and contribute towards global food security. ICFA through its proactive policy and trade agenda and global partnerships is creating opportunities for growth, value addition and trade to help improve the income of farmers.

Besides the global positioning of Indian agriculture, ICFA is also focusing on individual states so as to effectively address the issues at the state level through required policy interventions and convergences, agriculture being a state subject. The primary objective of ICFA State Chapters would be to put in place a platform for the farmers at state level where they can have close interfacing with all relevant stakeholders including the government, public and private sector institutions, organizations, industry, credit institutions, trade, markets for strengthening their credit, trade, technology, policy and marketing connect. Therefore ICFA State Chapters would ideally have representation of all these apart from the farmer representatives and shall meet as often as required and atleast once in a year preferably at the state capital. ICFA would share the deliberations and the actionable recommendations of the meetings of state chapters with the relevant state authorities and all other stakeholders for their requisite follow up.

UTTAR PRADESH : A POTENTIAL AGRICULTURE STATE

Uttar Pradesh is the largest State of India, accounting for almost one sixth of the country's production. By population, Uttar Pradesh will be the 6th largest country in the world with a population of approximately 210 million. Uttar Pradesh has unlimited potential for agro based and food processing industries. The state produces 36% of India's Wheat, 20% of Paddy 48% of Sugarcane, 18% of Rapeseed, 8% of fruits and 14% of



vegetables. Uttar Pradesh is largest Producer of meat, sugarcane, wheat etc. Industries on meat dairy, sugar & horticulture are exciting avenues for food processing. Uttar Pradesh is also the largest market for seeds, fertilizers, farm credit, farm machinery, food and consumer products.

With the fast changing economy, the significance of quick information access, and exposure to latest products, technologies and marketing opportunities is of prime importance. There is a growing need and importance of a platform where the policy makers, Government officials, prospective investors, development institutions and companies can interact. ICFA state chapter would serve the purpose.

VISION

Unleashing the potential of food and agriculture sector in Uttar Pradesh and empowering farmers through trade, technologies and partnerships towards achieving food security and environmental sustainability.

WORK AREAS

- ❖ Policy research and advocacy
- ❖ Platform for partnerships
- ❖ Trade and Agribusiness facilitation
- ❖ Agri-services and farmers' empowerment
- ❖ Food safety and Agriculture stewardship



MISSION

Our mission is to act as the think tank, development enterprise and platform for partnerships among the stake-holders in food and agriculture sector to create opportunities for trade, technologies and investments in farming and food value chain. We aim towards empowering farmers and enhancing the centrality of farm sector in policy making and economic ecosystem.

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To act as the monitoring centre and watch-dog for developments in food and agriculture sector at the state level, and to positively influence policies, trade negotiations towards protecting interests of farmers, industry, and agri business.
- ❖ To create awareness and understanding on major issues in food and agriculture sector and promote cooperation among the major stakeholders by organizing business meets and consultations
- ❖ To promote innovations and adoption of successful farming and agribusiness models on larger scale.
- ❖ To be the platform for farmers services, and to execute agricultural projects, entrepreneurship programs and farming ventures; and forging linkages with the industry, institutions and development bodies to promote commodity specific professional groups.



ICFA WORKING GROUPS

- ❖ Parliamentary Working Group
- ❖ Policy Working Group
- ❖ Working Group on Farmers Affairs
- ❖ Technology Working Group
- ❖ Academic Working Group
- ❖ Cotton Working Group
- ❖ Horticulture Working Group
- ❖ Food & Agribusiness Working Group
- ❖ Fertilizers Working Group
- ❖ Working Group on Farmers Distress
- ❖ Working Group on Seeds
- ❖ ICT Working Group
- ❖ Working Group on Nutrition & Health
- ❖ Working Group on Micro Irrigation
- ❖ Working Group on Farm Mechanization
- ❖ Working Group on Agro & Food Trade
- ❖ Working Group on Eco Agriculture
- ❖ Working Group on Animal Husbandry



Launch of ICFA Working Group on Uttar Pradesh 22 July 2017, Lucknow

Being demographically the broadest economic sector, agriculture plays a significant role in the overall socio-economic fabric of India. It is ironic that even though we rank second worldwide in farm output, the economic contribution of agriculture to India's GDP is steadily declining. Despite sincere efforts by the government, agriculture continues to be an unprofitable venture for small and marginal farmers. Subsidies have made farmers unreceptive of risks and have led to the overuse of inputs, affecting soil health. The magnitude of challenges requires a holistic alliance of policymakers, agricultural scientists, extension specialists, industry and the community of practitioners to facilitate a comprehensive and impactful development and growth of agriculture, and its transition to agribusiness. Agriculture sector needs greater flow of knowledge, investments, latest technologies, innovative models, integrated chain, linking farm to fork and value chain development for farmers to get actual share of market pie spent on food by consumers.

MISSION

To deliberate upon these challenges and formulate a blue print for Agricultural development in Uttar Pradesh, Indian Council of Food and Agriculture has constituted a 50 Member Working Group on Uttar Pradesh, chaired by Dr. Panjab Singh, President, National Academy of Agriculture Sciences and former Director General, ICAR. He is assisted by two Co-chair, Dr. Anis Ansari, former Agriculture Production Commissioner, Uttar Pradesh and Dr. PK Joshi, South Asia Director, IFPRI with Sh. RL Tamak, President, Shriram Group as the Convener. To facilitate a comprehensive growth of agriculture in the state, this working group will be mandated to mobilize national and global resources and act as a coordinator across stakeholders for a meaningful and impactful interventions. The forum will come up with vision documents concerning stewardship programs in each sub-sector, form specific task teams for implementation, organize stake-holders dialogues and follow up on important recommendations with concerned national and international agencies; and promote initiatives for farmers' empowerment.

OBJECTIVES

- ❖ To bring out Vision document and occasional papers on innovative strategies based on action research, and present them to the nodal agencies and departments in the State Government.
- ❖ To organize workshops, seminars, policy dialogues on challenges and opportunities for growth and development of Agriculture in the state.
- ❖ Follow up on actionable reforms and recommendations including those from earlier important reports with the concerned Ministries and National agencies.
- ❖ To collate and document potential areas in the state for future investments and sectoral developments based on regional comparative advantages.
- ❖ To provide a platform for international collaborations and consultancy services to the developing countries and undertake action research and documentation of best model for furthering developmental reforms.
- ❖ To facilitate national and global partnerships and provide a platform for various national and international corporates to share their success stories and experiences and provide expertise
- ❖ To strengthen the networks for promoting agri ventures, mobilization of investments, technologies and promoting agro trade and agribusiness activities.
- ❖ To promote public private sector partnerships and facilitate entrepreneurs development at all levels for comprehensive growth of Agriculture in the state.
- ❖ To execute programs of crop stewardships and sustainable farming and agribusiness models, creating value chain in agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, dairy, fisheries etc. towards increasing incomes of farmers sustainably.

List of Participants at the launch of ICFA Working Group on Uttar Pradesh

- ❖ Sh Suresh Kumar Khanna, Hon'ble Minister, Urban Development, UP
- ❖ Dr MJ Khan, Chairman, Indian Council of Food and Agriculture
- ❖ Mr Amalor Pavanathan, Deputy Managing Director, NABARD
- ❖ Mr Rajneesh Gupta, Principal Secretary – Agriculture, Government of Uttar Pradesh
- ❖ Dr Anis Ansari, Former APC, Lucknow
- ❖ Mr Roshan Lal Tamak, Executive Director-Sugar, DCM Shriram Ltd
- ❖ Dr Rita Sharma, Board Member, ICRAF
- ❖ Dr HS Gaur, Former VC, SBPUAT, Meerut
- ❖ Dr S Solomon, Vice Chancellor, CSA, Kanpur
- ❖ Dr AD Pathak, Director, ISSR, Lucknow
- ❖ Dr KML Pathak, Vice Chancellor, DDUVU, Mathura
- ❖ Dr Haseeb Akhtar, Vice Chancellor, NDUAT, Faizabad
- ❖ Mr Ram Saran Verma, National Awardee Farmer, Barabanki
- ❖ Dr Anup Kalra, Executive Director, Ayurvvet Limited
- ❖ Mr Surendra Rajput, Progressive Farmer, Lucknow
- ❖ Dr SL Goswami, Vice Chancellor, Agriculture University, Banda
- ❖ Dr Sudhir M Bobde, Managing Director, PCDF, UP
- ❖ Mr Ram Chet Chaudhary, Chairman, PRDF
- ❖ Mr AK Panda, CGM Uttar Pradesh, NABARD
- ❖ Sri Rajesh Gupta, Senior Technical Expert, UPDASP
- ❖ Mr Abhiram Seth, Managing Director, Aquaagri Processing Pvt Ltd
- ❖ Mr Ashish Bhardwaj, Head Corp Comm, CLAAS Agricultural Machinery
- ❖ Mr DK Srivastava, CEO, IFFCO e-Bazar Limited
- ❖ Mr Yogendra Kumar, Sr GM - Marketing, IFFCO
- ❖ Mr Anupam Lal, Regional Head, Jain Irrigation
- ❖ Mr Kailash Chandra, State Head - Tractor Finance, DCB Bank Ltd
- ❖ Dr Rajneesh Mishra, Director, NHRDF
- ❖ Dr PK Gupta, Director, NHRDF
- ❖ Dr Satyen Yaadav, President, Horticulture Produce Management Institute
- ❖ Mr Sourabh Agarwal, Managing Director, Stevia Biotech
- ❖ Mr. KK Gupta, ex CGM, NABARD
- ❖ Mr Kaushal Jaiswal, Managing Director, Rivulis Irrigation
- ❖ Dr Rajendra Kumar, Professor - Agri Biz, Amity University
- ❖ Mr Umesh Puri, Trustee, Organic Bagicha, MP Foundation
- ❖ Mr Narendra Tripathi, State Head - UP, Zydex Industries
- ❖ Mr Jai Prakash Mishra, Director, Shipra Vegetables & Grains

- ❖ Dr BK Singh, Founder Director, BKC WeatherSys
- ❖ Sh S Inqram Ali, President, Lucknow, Mango Grower Association
- ❖ Sh BP Singh, Secretary, Nainital, Litchi Grower Association
- ❖ Mr Pradeep Dwivedi, Director-Operations, Nutrelis Agro Foods
- ❖ Mr Karanjeet Singh, Entrepreneur, Progressive Farmer
- ❖ Dr VK Tiwari, Sr Manager - Mktng, KRIBHCO
- ❖ Mr Balram Singh, COO, Organic India
- ❖ Mr Sushil Verma, Founder & CEO, Knoxia Technologies
- ❖ Mr Navin Kumar, Sales Head, Eicher
- ❖ Mr Sujay Ojha, Advisor-Agribusiness & Food Chain, Nico Orgo
- ❖ Dr Jagannath Pathak, Scientist (Soil Science), ICAR-AICRP (MSPE)
- ❖ Mr Kunal Prasad, Founder & COO, CropIn Technology Solutions
- ❖ Mr Salim Khan, Advisor, Tata Trusts
- ❖ Dr Kuldeep K Lal, Director, National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources
- ❖ Mr Brijraj Singh, CEO, Origo Commodities India
- ❖ Mr SN Mishra, State Head, UP, Origo Commodities India
- ❖ Mr K Giridhar, Business Manager, Venkys
- ❖ Mr Praveen Kumar, Co-Founder & Director, Ergos Warehousing
- ❖ Mr Indresh Kumar, Farmer Relation and Business Expansion, Ergos Warehousing

MEDIA COVERAGE

ICFA working group on NER launched

CHRONICLE NEWS SERVICE

Gwalhati: Indian Council of Food and Agriculture or Fidy launched its working group on North-eastern region at Gwalhati. PL Thanga, Secretary, Mizoram State Planning Board and former Secretary, NEC, has been appointed as Chairman of the working group with 30 eminent persons as members. MJ Khan, chairman ICFA announced its

launch in the presence of Alok Sinha, DG ICFA, Dr Nuri, VC Central University, MI Mohi, advisor, NEC, Mani, ex-DG NIC, Aris Ansal, Chairman, CARD, VS Ngeshan, Director, ICAR complex for NEH, Pankaj Prasad, MD, NERAMAC and a host of senior officials from the Central and State Governments and industry CEOs. MJ Khan said that it was the 1st regional working group of the Council and that NER has been chosen

due to overall national priority of the country and its emerging strategic importance in view of the Act East Policy. He added that with imminent opening of the eastern trade corridor with the neighbouring countries, NER will become a very important engine of trade and economic growth. Khan said that the working group on NER will facilitate growth of trade and economic opportunities and promote trade, technolo-

gies and agri ventures in the region, creating jobs and entrepreneurship. PL Thanga, while accepting the responsibility as 1st chairman said that his experience in the NEC will be handy in securing projects, and procuring investments, agri ventures and partnership as public-private, public-public and private-private. He said ICFA working group will come up with an overall development plan for the region.



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ICFA Working Group on Uttar Pradesh launched by MD, NABARD

Lucknow - Launching the Working Group of Indian Council of Food and Agriculture on Uttar Pradesh, Managing Director, NABARD, Mr Arsal Damaikan said that UP is agriculturally the largest state and its progress made by the state, determines the progress of the nation. He said UP is rich in agro-potential but the scope for growth, value addition and agri businesses have not been fully explored. There is need for cutting edge technologies, greater flow of investment, connecting farmers with markets and connecting district wise farmers boards. To fully exploit the potential of UP as

ED, Sugar, DCM Shriram. Among the WG Members are the vice chairmen of agriculture universities of Patna and Dr. Haseeb Akhtar, Dr. S Solomon, VC, CSA Kanpur, Dr. SL Sonawary, VC, Banda and Dr. Gyan Prasad, VC, BEPUCI, Meerut. The WG also includes Directors of ICAR Institutes, Dr. AD Pathak, IIS Lucknow, Dr. RK Singh, IVRI Bareilly, besides CEOs of 40 major corporates, consumer goods, seeds, fertilizers, machinery and agro processing sector.

Dr. Anurag Anand said that ICFA Working Group will focus on policy issues towards doubling farmer incomes. He said that inter-

em. Loan waiver is not the answer. He cited a case of a wheat farmer who gets 75% of what consumer spends, unlike in fruits and vegetables where farmer gets 25% of what consumer spends.

Welcoming the CEOs of the industry, vice chairmen and directors of various institutions, Dr. MJ Khan, Chairman, Indian Council of Food and Agriculture said that this is 1st geographical Working, after North Eastern Region of India, which will steadily work on preparing a vision document to doubling UP farmer incomes by 2022, as per the call given by Prime Minister Mr. Modi.

ICFA launches NE working group

STAFF REPORTER

GUWAHATI: Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) launched its working group on the Northeastern region in Guwahati today. PL Thanga, Secretary, Mizoram State Planning Board and former Secretary, NEC has been appointed Chairman of the working group with 30 eminent persons as members.

Dr. MJ Khan, Chairman, ICFA announced its launch, a statement said. Dr. Khan said that it is the first regional working group of the Council and "we have chosen the North East Region of India, which will steadily work on preparing a vision document to doubling UP farmer incomes by 2022, as per the call given by Prime Minister Mr. Modi.

of the eastern trade corridor with the neighbouring countries, the Northeastern region (NER) would become a very important engine of trade and economic growth. He said that the working group on NER would facilitate growth of trade and economic opportunities and agri ventures in the region, creating jobs and entrepreneurship.

Director General of ICFA, Alok Sinha said that ICFA would coordinate national and global resources, investments and partnerships through its various national councils for the overall development of agri, food and livestock sectors in the region, aimed at generating greater market access, value addition and self-employment opportunities in agri sector in the State.

PL Thanga said that the experience in NEC would come handy in securing projects, and procuring investments, agri ventures and partnership in public-private, public-public and private-private. He said that the ICFA working group would come up with an overall development plan for the region for which a major business and economic feasibility study would be taken up.

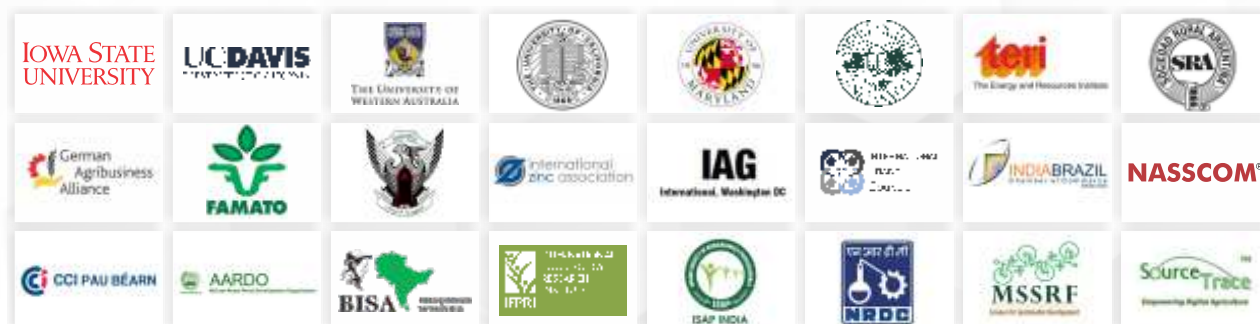
It may be noted that ICFA is a national institution for policy research, trade and investment facilitation and is acting as the national platform for global partnerships in food and agriculture through its sector specific 17 working groups, across national councils and sector joint initiatives councils with different countries.

ABOUT ICFA

The Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture is the apex body in India, working on business, policy, and development agendas and serving as a global platform for trade facilitation, partnerships, technology, and agribusiness services. A proactive approach helps ICFA discern critical challenges emerging in Indian agriculture and create opportunities for development, value addition, and international trade to accelerate growth in the food and agriculture sectors globally. ICFA, with more than 25 industry Working Groups and sector-specific Business Councils, represents the interests of key stakeholders at the national level and, through its international platforms and partnerships, facilitates India's global engagement in the food and agriculture sectors.

For enhanced sustainability, food safety, and quality standards, ICFA has taken up the Agriculture Stewardship Program by launching the Healthy Food Initiative program and the Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) project. In a short period of more than seven years, the Chamber has signed MoUs with the ICAR, APEDA, NRDC, RAKEZ Group, ASYAD Group, University of California, University of Maryland, Michigan State University, Iowa State University, Western Australia University, German Agribusiness Alliance, Borlaug Institute for South Asia, African Asian Rural Development Organization, NASSCOM, Sociedad Rural Argentina (SRA), FAMATO, CCI Pau Béarn, IFPRI, etc. Through international partnerships, ICFA envisions mobilizing technologies and investments that will catalyze agribusiness and agri-startups.

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