



# भारतीय कृषि एवं खाद्य परिषद् INDIAN COUNCIL OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE



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## ICFA FLAGSHIP EVENTS - 2018



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**INDIAN COUNCIL OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

Indian Council of Food and Agriculture is apex body working on business agenda, policy and development issues and serving as global platform for policy and trade facilitation, partnerships, technology, investments and agribusiness services. A proactive approach helps ICFA in discerning critical challenges emerging in Indian agriculture along with creating opportunities for development, value addition and international trade to accelerate growth in food and agriculture sector globally. With its 27 industry Working Groups and sector specific Business Councils, ICFA represents the interests of key stakeholders at the national level and through its international platforms and partnerships, ICFA facilitates India's global engagement in food and agriculture sector.

For enhanced sustainability, food safety and quality standards, ICFA has taken up the Agriculture Stewardship Program by launching Healthy Food Initiative program and Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) project. In a short period of two years, the Council has signed up MoUs with the 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 and IFPRI etc. Through international partnerships, ICFA envisions to mobilise technologies and investments that will catalyse agribusiness and agri start-ups. The 20 Member ICFA Board has distinguished luminaries with the Pioneer of India's Green Revolution, Prof MS Swaminathan as its Patron.

## **THE SIX KEY WORKING AREAS OF ICFA ARE:**

- Policy Research and Advisory
- National Knowledge Resource Centre
- Global Platform for Dialogue and Partnerships
- Technology Facilitation and Startup Ventures
- Trade Promotion and Global Market Access
- Advocacy and Agribusiness Services

The power of policies in translating the potential in agriculture sector into opportunities needs to be leveraged upon for unleashing the growth potential in food and agriculture sector towards empowering the farms and farmers. This can be done by research and studies of the issues and agenda, thorough deliberations involving key stake-holders, seamless inflow of the information to create awareness and understanding among the stake-holders and effective advocacy through a series of programmes and events at the States and the national level, keeping global trends and emerging policy paradigm into account. On the same line, ICFA has planned and geared up for events in 2018.





## **All India Agri Startups Convention 2018**

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## **Agri Startup Awards 2018**

**February 21–22, 2018 | Constitution Club | New Delhi**

India is predominantly an agrarian economy with 55% population driving its livelihood from agriculture. In the last two decades, powered by the Government policies and strong engagement of the industry and institutions, agriculture is rapidly evolving into agribusiness in terms of approach and structure. However, in the last one decade, the sector has been thronged by the stream of educated youth, fired by the ideas, passion and innovations to launch newer kinds of technology and business models to lift the face of agriculture from primitive to hi-tech one. These start-ups are providing missing links in the agri value chain and delivering efficient products, technologies and services to the farmers on one hand and the consumers on the other hand. From ICT apps to farm automation and from weather forecasting to drones use and from inputs retailing and equipment renting to online vegetable marketing, and from smart poultry and dairy ventures to smart agriculture and from protected cultivation to innovative food processing and packaging, it's proliferation of all innovations and technology driven powerful startups set to revolutionize the food and agriculture sector.

Government has also ably supported these startups with programs like Skilled India, Start Up India, Stand Up India, MUDRA to ACABC scheme and Udaan to help budding entrepreneurs start and scale new ventures. However, many of the existing agri-enterprises, despite savoring initial success, are facing difficulties to scale and expand. They are looking for ideas, inspirations and support to scale to newer heights. In this context, ICFA is convening 1st All India Agri Startups Conclave 2018 with an aim to bring all the startups in food and agri space on single platform for sharing of success stories and exploring business and marketing linkages, technology and financial tie-ups and partnership opportunities. The participation of Governments officials and institutions like NABARD, SIDBI, NSDC, SFAC, ICAR, CSIR, UNIDO, IFAD, banks and industry will help them with desired policy changes, programs, business modelling and financial participation. The conclave envisages to provide a platform for experience and knowledge sharing, synergies, collective and creative thinking to create pro-startups environment for ensuring success and sustainability of upcoming startups and attracting youth towards entrepreneurship.



## **Global Food Summit 2018**

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## **Global Food Business Awards 2018**

**April 3–4, 2018 | Hotel Taj Palace | New Delhi**

Food forms a major component of agriculture sector and because of its crucial role of linking agriculture and industry, calls for focused attention to discuss various issues related to procurements, supply chain, food quality, food safety, standards, retaining, trade and marketing etc., Indian Council has taken this initiative on the line of Global Agriculture Summit to provide a platform specifically for food sector to explore the potential as well as the scope of growth and to discuss the challenges in national, regional and global food businesses and the strategies and approaches to achieve sustained growth. The summit will also deliberate upon various measures to safeguard food as well as nutritional security for growing population of the country and the world and provide safer food to consumers at affordable price. Various issues like biofortification, natural as well as artificial, genetically modified crops, processing, value addition, logistics, quality enforcement, consumer awareness, safety standards and scope for entrepreneurship and food start-ups, will be deliberated upon. During the two-day event, Global Food Business Awards 2018 and The Outstanding Professional Awards (TOP Awards 2018) will also be presented to the individuals, organizations and institutions in food and agribusiness industry for their outstanding performance.



## **11<sup>th</sup> Global Agriculture Summit - 2018**

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## **Global Leadership Awards 2018**

**July 18-19, 2018 | Hotel Taj Palace | New Delhi**

Global Agriculture Summit is an annual event organized by Indian Council of Food and Agriculture to discuss the broad scenario and trends in agriculture sector, trade, technology, investments and the need for appropriate policy initiatives on the part of the Government by bringing together eminent personalities of Indian and global agriculture on one platform. The summit aims to discuss the broad issues in agriculture and agribusiness, and measures to empower farmers and unleash the potential of India's agriculture sector by deliberating upon national and global challenges for farmers, agribusinesses and startups, the issue of employment and agriculture development and bring out a road map for the same. The experience will be combined with the presentation of 11th Global Leadership Awards and the launch of Agriculture Year Book 2018. Leveraging upon its past experiencing, ICFA is launching 1st World Agriculture Prize and MS Swaminathan Global Dialogue on Climate Change and Food Security on first day of the event to come up with blue print for sustained agriculture growth in changing face of climate and weather extremes.



## **World Agriculture Prize**

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## **MS Swaminathan Global Dialogue on Climate Change and Food Security**

**July 18, 2018 | Hotel Taj Palace | New Delhi**

Agriculture has been the foremost engagement of human beings since their existence and will continue to be imperative, but the sector has been undergone metamorphic changes globally in the last few decades. In this journey of transformation from famine to food sufficiency, certain individuals and institutions played critical roles. Still there is a long way to go in making the planet free from hunger and malnutrition. Considering the ever-increasing population, changing climatic pattern, shrinking resource base and increased disposable incomes resulting in higher demand for safe and quality food, agriculture is continuously evolving to support the humankind. Developing and underdeveloped nations in order to boost agriculture need cooperation, collaboration and learning by global experiences. Youth are moving away from farming and educated class sees farming as last option. They need role models and inspirations.

India has now taken leadership position in the world agriculture and is in a position to benefit the developing world with its experiences and diversity of learning, it is high time for India to recognize the efforts of doyens in agriculture and especially those who have contributed in promoting agriculture in third world countries. This award as well as global dialogue on climate change and food security will provide the country with the golden opportunity to showcase its strengths and position strongly at global level. This will also open more avenues for India to learn from experiences and success stories of developed nations and replicate them in Indian context for accelerated growth of agriculture and farming community. With this vision to recognize the individuals, who have served the humanity through agriculture, Indian Council of Food and Agriculture has instituted World Agriculture Award, to be presented annually to an individual or institution, who played seminal role in transforming agriculture globally, importantly from Asian, African or Latin American countries, and saving the humanity from the curse of hunger. A high level international selection committee is constituted to decide the name of World Agriculture Prize Laureate.

The World Agriculture Prize will be a single prize of \$100,000 and will be launched with a special session, named "Swaminathan Global Dialogue on Climate Change and Food Security", as part of the Global Agriculture Leadership Summit in New Delhi. The special session on Climate change and food security has been incepted with a thought to invite the laureates of food and agriculture world to participate in the World Agriculture Prize event and deliberate on this burning issue to come out with a blue print for climate resilient agriculture in a sustainable manner to safeguard the interests of our future generations.



## **AgroWorld 2018**

INDIA INTERNATIONAL AGRO TRADE & TECHNOLOGY FAIR

**October 25 – 27, 2018 | IARI Campus, Pusa | New Delhi**

Given the importance of agriculture in Indian economy and growth potential of the sector, Indian Council of Food and Agriculture with support of the Government of India and several States and in technical collaborations with a large number of industry associations and international bodies brings to you the AgroWorld-2018, a golden opportunity to showcase your potential and achievements before the national and global stake-holders to explore possibilities of investments, technical cooperation, trade, business, marketing and partnerships opportunities. AgroWorld-2018 aims to bring national and international policy makers, officials, experts, trade, industry and institutions to showcase latest products, advanced technologies, food and agribusiness models, logistics, post-harvest management, entrepreneurship experiences etc. as well as to provide exposure, enrich knowledge and generate policy inputs through the technical seminars, international conferences, business dialogues and interactions. Concurrently International Conferences on major sectors will be organized and global market reports for the same will be released.



## **All India Progressive Farmers Convention**

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## **AIFA Progressive Farmer Awards**

**December 11-12, 2018 | Constitution Club | New Delhi**

Agriculture is the largest employer in India @ 50% and a pre-dominant sector of India's economy with an annual output of \$ 370 billion. While India ranks 12th in manufacturing and 11th in services sector, it is the 2nd largest agricultural GDP in the world, \$90 billion more than USA. Agriculture is deeply embedded into Indian culture, festivals and life philosophy, being the principal economic activity for the majority of our population. Indian Agriculture has undergone a momentous metamorphosis from the days of 'ship to mouth' and now exporting agri produce worth \$ 40 billion. Our farmers have made India proud with their zealous and diligent hard work, supported by government policies and technologies from the industry.

However, in the last two decades there is a paradoxical situation emerging. On one hand, there are massive scale success stories and innovative agribusiness models, powered by policies and substantially enhanced engagement of the industry, banks and government institutions. On the other hand, natural resources are depleting, rural urban income gap is widening and farmers suicide deaths continue unabated. A silver lining, nonetheless is that educated youth understand the potential and are engaging in farm ventures and agribusinesses, progressive farmers in many parts of the country are innovating conventional practices to become successful farm entrepreneurs by leveraging upon the strengths of the markets, industry and institutions.

Indian Council of Food and Agriculture envisions to provide exposure to farmers by sharing successful agribusiness models and sensitize them with policies, schemes, technologies and markets. Rewarding evolution will be evident when farmers themselves become role models for fellow farmers. With this aspiration, ICFA along with All India Farmers Alliance is organizing the 2nd All India Progressive Farmers Convention on 11-12th December 2018 in New Delhi. The forum aims to establish a national level platform for progressive farmers to share their success stories and connect with the industry and key stake-holders for collaboration and growth opportunities.



## ICFA Knowledge Reports



## National Round Tables



## ICFA Event Reports





# MAJOR INITIATIVES



## ICFA IN MEDIA

### Indian Council of Food and Agriculture India's apex think tank and trade facilitation body launched

Agriculture in India continues to be a powerful engine for rural prosperity, economic growth and social transformation with over 80% population directly dependent for its livelihood and sustenance. Indian agriculture is however, presently undergoing a rapid transformation since the onset of economic reforms during early nineties and the emergence of post WTO regime, governing the global trade in food and agriculture.



are different bodies for specific and agriculture, farmers, consumer interest areas. Every major input and agribusiness industry.

### कृषि परिषद का हुआ उद्घाटन, खेती के गुरु बताए

संजीव कुमार-नई दिल्ली

भारतीय कृषि परिषद में बुधवार को शुरुआत हुई। मुख्यमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने परिषद का उद्घाटन किया। परिषद का उद्घाटन हुआ। केन्द्रीय कृषि विभाग के सचिव डॉ. अशोक कुमार ने कहा कि कृषि को लक्ष्य बनाने के लिए वैश्वीकरण, व्यापार और प्रौद्योगिकी का अनुक्रम होना जरूरी है। उन्होंने कहा कि प्रौद्योगिकी सभी क्षेत्रों को एक साथ लाने और किसान उत्पादकों के लिए एक प्रतिस्पर्धी मंच है।



मुख्यमंत्री नरेंद्र मोदी ने कृषि परिषद का उद्घाटन किया, इस दौरान केन्द्रीय कृषि विभाग के सचिव, किसानों ने इसमें भाग लिया।

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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.

ED, Sugar, DCM Shriram. Among the WG Members are the vice chancellors of agriculture universities of

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### ICFA, AARDO join hands for working on Africa Agriculture Development

27/03/2016, 12:27:33 PM

New Delhi: Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) today signed an agreement with the African-Asian Rural Development Organisation (AARDO) for agricultural upliftment by mutual cooperation. The MoU was signed in New Delhi between Director General of ICFA, Mr. Alok Sinha and AARDO Secretary General, His Excellency, Mr. Wassfi Hassan El-Snehlth. (Seen in Pic from L to R: Assistant SG, AARDO; Dr. M Nardeosing, Mr. Vijay Sardana, Chairman, ICFA Working Group on Agro Trade, Dr. MJ Khan, Chairman, ICFA, Dr. KL Chadha, Chairman ICFA Working Group on Horticulture and Dr. M. Moni, ICFA WG on ICT) ICFA and AARDO have commonalities in their respective mandates, especially in the field of capacity building, promoting technology transfer, undertaking research, consultancy, organizing seminars, conferences, entrepreneurship

### Ratan Tata presented ICFA Lifetime Achievements Award

12/11/2016, 1:47:31 PM



mumbai: ICFA today presented Global Agriculture Leadership Award 2016 to Tata Sons Chairman, Mr. Ratan Tata in Mumbai. The Leadership Awards Jury, Chaired by Prof. MS Swaminathan, Pioneer of India's Green Revolution decided to confer upon Ratan Tata the Lifetime Achievements Award 2016 for his

### उत्तर पूर्व क्षेत्र में आईसीएफए वर्किंग ग्रुप का शुभारंभ



अधिनियम की पूर्ण नीति के साथ उभरती सामरिक महत्व के कारण एनईआर चुना है। उन्होंने कहा कि पड़ोसी देशों के साथ पूर्वी व्यापार गतिधारे के आसन्न उद्घाटन के साथ, एनईआर व्यापार और आर्थिक विकास का बहुत महत्वपूर्ण इंजन बन जाएगा। डॉ. खान ने कहा कि

## ICFA BUSINESS PLATFORMS



Research and Rating Services



Technology and Innovations Platform

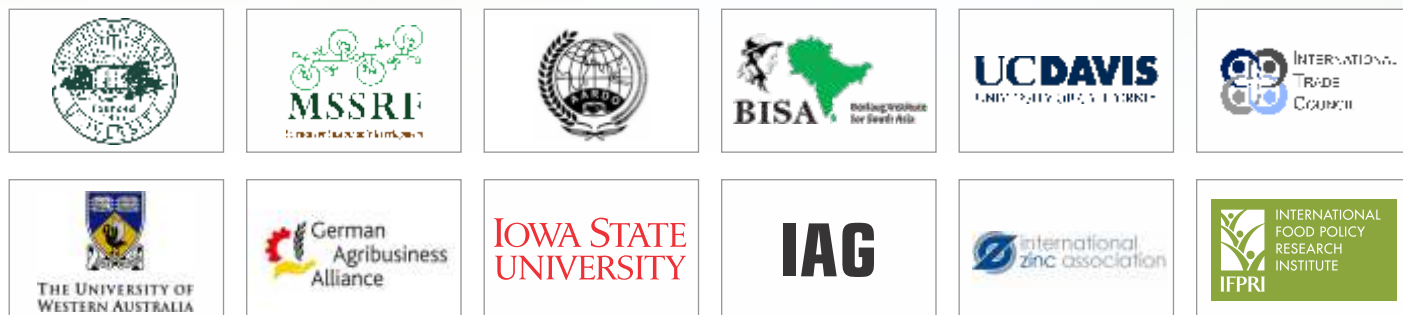


Policy and Regulatory Support Services



Business and trade Facilitation Services

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