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Three Day International Conference at Integral University

Lucknow 11th Nov: Integral University Lucknow and Uttar Pradesh Council for Agricultural Research (UPCAR) jointly organising three day international conference on **Post-Harvesting Technologies of Agricultural Produce for Sustainable Food and Nutritional Security**. The conference was inaugurated today in the graceful presence of eminent guest and speakers. On the occasion, Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh and Visitor, Integral University, Shri Ram Naik, Representative of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Agriculture Minister, Shri Vinod Kumar, Hon'ble VC of Integral University, Prof SW Akhtar, Director General UPCAR, Prof Rajendra Kumar, Agriculture Production Commissionr, Shri Pradeep Bhatnagar, Dr Charles Lindsay Wilson, Founder Chairman and CEO, World Food Preservation Centre, Washington, USA and **Prof. Yang Rui Li, Director, Sugarcane Research Center of CAAS, Nanning, P R China** were present during the inaugural session.

Conference was started with the welcome address by **Prof SW Akhtar**. In his address he welcomed all the guests and speakers for sparing their time for the international conference. He emphasized on the importance of the topic of the international conference in the current scenario. He said this conference will definitely come up with some very important solutions for people associated with agriculture sector. **Prof Rajendra Kumar** said, "we have limited natural resources and our agriculture sector is very much dependent on climate. Effects of climate change can be seen on the agriculture production. He said there is no logical relation between agriculture and farming. Post harvesting is an international issue which can be sort out only by awareness and agricultural education.

Prof YR Lui expressed his immense happiness to be a part of this grand conference. He thanked the organisers for calling him to discuss an important issue in India. **Dr. Charles**, raised the international issue of international hunger. He specifically quoted the children death rate due to hunger. He also discussed the global warming and talked about Green Revolution in India.

Representative of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and Agriculture Minister, **Mr Vinod Kumar**, shared the important steps taken by Govt. of UP for the upliftment of farmers of Uttar Pradesh. He also informed about the subsidy policies run by Govt. of UP.



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On the occasion a souvenir was also launched by the **Hon'ble Governor, Shri Ram Naik**. In his address he said need of the hour is, to reiterate the slogan "Jai Jawan Jai Kisan". He said scientific development is necessary for sustainable food and nutritional security. He said, after 61 years of independence our population has grown three times but with the same land area we hardly faced any food security issue and that is all due to agricultural science and technologies used in agriculture.

At the end of the inaugural session, **Dr Haris Siddiqui, Director IAST, Integral University** delivered the vote of thanks. A Post Harvest Expo was also inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor, Shri Ram Naik. Different types of agricultural stalls took part in the expo.

On the first day of international conference, plenary lecture and technical sessions were also organised. In the first plenary lecture, key note speaker **Dr. Charles** delivered his talk on **Increasing world food supply by reducing post-harvest losses and waste**. After the first Plenary lecture, **five technical sessions** were addressed by the renowned scientist on different post harvest technologies. Last Plenary lecture was addressed by **Dr. Mangala Rai, Ex-Vice-Chancellor, GBPUAT, Pantnagar and Ex-Secretary, DARE and Ex-DG, ICAR**. Dr. Mangala spoke on **Agriculture Education and Post-Harvest technology in India**.

A large number of agricultural Scientists, Research Scholars, Engineers, Govt Officials, Faculty members and students attended the event which will continue for next two more days and deliberate all aspects of agricultural losses and their prevention.

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