

Sanjeev Chopra
Mission Director (NHM) &

संयुक्त सचिव
भारत सरकार
कृषि मंत्रालय
(कृषि एवं सहकारिता विभाग)
कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली-110001



Joint Secretary
Ministry of Agriculture
Government of India
(Department of Agriculture & Cooperation)
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

DO No.18-5/2011-NHM

31st January, 2012

Dear Sir,

I am pleased to inform that National Horticulture Conference will be held on 17th February, 2012 at 'The Ashok' Hotel, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi to take stock of the impact of National Horticulture Mission and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States on production and productivity of horticultural crops. Hon'ble Agriculture Minister has kindly consented to inaugurate the Conference at 9.30 a.m. Detailed programme is enclosed.

2. Representatives from the State Governments, Agriculture Universities, ICAR Institutions and other stakeholders shall be participating in this Conference. I take this opportunity to invite you to attend the National Horticulture Conference on 17th February, 2012 at New Delhi.

3. Kindly confirm your participation at the earliest.

Wangyal

Encl: as above

Yours sincerely,

Sanjeev Chopra

(Sanjeev Chopra)

- 1) Mission Directors/Principal Secretaries of all SHMs.
- 2) Member (Agriculture), Planning Commission, Yojana Bhawan.
- 3) National Level Agencies.
- 4) Coconut Development Board (CDB), National Horticulture Board (NHB), National Committee on Plasticulture Applications in Horticulture (NCPAH), Small Farmers' Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC) and National Informatics Centre (NIC).
- 5) Growers Association and Irrigation Association of India.
- 6) Representative of Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FICCI), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) and the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM).
- 7) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MOFPI), Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).
- 8) Principal Investigator of all PFDCs.
- 9) Agriculture Counselors of Israel, France, Netherland, Germany and FAO representative in India.
- 10) Advisor (Agriculture), Planning Commission, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.
- 11) Resource Speakers- DDG Hort., ICAR and Directors of all NRCs and Horticulture Institutes.

National Conference for Improvement of Horticulture Production & Productivity on 17th February, 2012 at Hotel Ashok, New Delhi

Programme

9:00 am to 9:30 am :	Registration	
9:30 am to 10:40 am :	Opening Session	
	Opening Remarks	Shri P.K. Basu, Secretary (A&C)
	Presentation on Year of Horticulture	Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Joint Secretary(NHM)
	Presentation on Vegetable Initiative for Urban Clusters/Farmers Producer Organisation	Shri Pravesh Sharma, Managing Director (SFAC)
	Presentation on Horticulture Development-Issues	Dr Gorakh Singh, Horticulture Commissioner
	Concerns of Grower Associations	Shri Sopan Kanchan, President, Confederation of Indian Horticulture
10:40 am to 11:00 am	Tea Break	
11:00 am to 12.00noon	Special Plenary Session	
	Address	Shri P.K. Basu, Secretary (A&C)
	Unveiling of Year of Horticulture-2012 and Release of Publications	Shri Sharad Pawar, Union Agriculture Minister
	Awards to best performing States	Shri Harish Rawat, Minister of State for Agriculture
	Special Address	Shri Harish Rawat, Minister of State for Agriculture
	Key Note Address	Shri Sharad Pawar, Union Agriculture Minister
	Vote of Thanks	Shri Anup Kumar Thakur Additional Secretary(A&C)
12.00 noon to 1.00 pm	Technical Session –I : States' Perspective & Success Stories (Seed and Planting Material) Chairman – Shri Anup Kumar Thakur ,Additional Secretary Co-Chairman- Shri S.S Mehta, President, Aonla Growers Association Rapporteur – Dr LS Reddy	
	Presentation by States	Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, J&K and Mizoram

1:00pm to 2.00 pm	Technical Session – II : States' Perspective & Success Stories –(High Density Planting, Rejuvenation, Canopy management,) Chairman – Dr Gorakh Singh, Horticulture Commissioner Co-Chairman- Shri Prabhakar S. Chandne, President, Pomegranate Growers Association Rapporteur –Dr. R. C. Upadhyay	
	Presentation by States	Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh ,West Bengal and Nagaland
2:00 pm to 2:45 pm	Lunch Break	
2:45pm to 3:45 pm	Technical Session – III : States' Perspective & Success Stories –(Protected Cultivation of High value Crops and Micro Irrigation) Chairman – Shri Atanu Purkayastha, Joint Secretary(Policy) Co-Chairman- Shri Ravindra Chauhan, President, Apple Growers Association Rapporteur –Dr. Jose Samuel	
	Presentation by States	Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh Jharkhand, Orissa and Sikkim
3:45 pm to 4:00 pm	Tea Break	
4:00 pm to :4.30pm	Special Address	Prof. Abhijit Sen, Member(Agriculture), Planning Commission
4.30 pm to 5.30 pm	Technical Session – IV Problems and Prospects in selected crops(Banana, Grape, Citrus and Pomegranate) Chairman – Dr H.P.Singh, DDG (Hort.) Co-Chairman- Shri Sopan Kanchan, President, Confederation of Indian Horticulture Rapporteur –Dr Omprakash	
	Management system of Banana	Dr. M. M. Mustaffa, Director, NRC for Banana
	Improving Productivity of Grapes	Dr. P. G. Adsule, Director, NRC for Grapes
	Improved production system of Citrus	Dr. V. J. Shivankar, Director, NRC for Citrus
	Pomegranate : Present Status, constraints and opportunities	Dr. V. T. Jadhav, Director, NRC for Pomegranate
	Rootstock and varietal development in temperate fruit crops	Dr. N. Ahmad, Director, CITH
	Technology for round the year vegetable production	Dr. A. S. Sidhu, Director, IIHR
5.30 pm to 5.45 pm	Concluding remarks	Shri Anup Kumar Thakur Additional Secretary(A&C)