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ICFA Board Sets Strategic Direction for Agriculture Development



The First meeting of the reconstituted ICFA Board was moderated, under the Chairmanship of Mr Suresh Prabhu, at New Delhi. The Board deliberated upon the opportunities and challenges, in farming, food and agriculture, both at the national and global levels, and the interventions required from ICFA to address the major concerns relating to agriculture.

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Members were of the view that while policy research and data driven advocacy should continue to remain central to ICFA work, the Chamber should increase its involvement in areas such as agribusinesses, facilitating agro exports and empowering farmers through trade, digital technologies and market linkages. During the meeting, it was also decided to launch the Agriculture Policy Council and Working Group on Soil Health and Plant Nutrition, besides expanding the network of ICFA District Councils for the FarmerPlus Project, and ICFA Country Councils for global outreach.

Ms. Shreyasi Agarwal, the newly appointed CEO of ICFA, remarked saying, “Empowering farmers through knowledge, innovation, and global partnerships is key to transforming India’s agricultural landscape and ensuring long-term prosperity.”

The meeting was attended by Mr. Simon Wiebusch , Vice Chairman, ICFA and MD, Bayer, Mr. Jayen Mehta, MD, AMUL, Dr. Meenesh Shah, Chairman, NDDB and Vice Chairman, ICFA and Dr. Ashok Dalwai, Co-chair, ICFA and Chairman, Karnataka State Agriculture Price Commission, in addition to 20+ Board Members, including former Chief Secretary of UP, Mr. RK Tiwari, former Secretary Food Processing, GOI, Mr. JP Meena, MD, Sonalika Tractors, Mr. Raman Mittal, MD, DFPCL, Mr. Shailesh Mehta, Convener, All India Farmers Alliance, Dr. Rajaram Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, Amity University, Dr. Balvinder Shukla, among others.

About ICFA

The Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) is India’s leading organization dedicated to advancing business, policy, and developmental initiatives within the food and agriculture sectors. With a global outlook, ICFA plays a critical role in facilitating agro trade, advocating for progressive policies, and providing vital services to agribusinesses. Through its active engagement with Industry Working Groups and Sector-specific Councils, ICFA amplifies the voices of stakeholders, including farmers, trade, and industry players, both in India and globally. As a leader in digital innovation, food and nutrition security, and sustainable agriculture, ICFA has earned global recognition and established strategic collaborations with organizations such as ICAR, APEDA, WTC, and the University of California. With its mission to support agribusinesses and agritech startups, ICFA fosters international partnerships to mobilize advanced technologies and investments, contributing to the sustainable growth and global competitiveness of India’s agricultural sector.

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