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Chairman's *Message*



Dear friends,

I am very delighted to share that Indian Council of Food and Agriculture has completed four years and is growing rapidly in both size and its outreach.

Indian Council of Food and Agriculture is working as the apex policy think tank, trade facilitation body and development enterprise for food and agriculture sector in India and serving as global platform for partnerships. With the increasing globalization, there are newer challenges emerging, which need to be proactively addressed for India's Food and Agriculture sector to grow, engage and compete globally and contribute towards food and nutritional security. ICFA through its outreach policy and business agenda and global partnerships is creating opportunities for growth, value addition and trade to help improve the income of farmers. The Council through its sector focused Working Groups, State and District Chapters, National Councils and country specific Joint Business Councils, seeks to represent the interests of all the stakeholders at the national level on one hand and position India's food and agriculture sector globally on the other hand. Besides the trade and industry, ICFA focuses equally on farmers and agri-entrepreneurs towards helping them connect with the market opportunities, while addressing their policy, technology, trade, marketing, financing and partnership related needs. One of the major issues facing Indian food and agriculture sector is the issue of food safety, traceability and certification of GAP and quality standards of food, impacting Indian exports and trade, and consumer safety. ICFA has taken up agriculture stewardship and national certification program, focussing especially on the agriculture produce meant for nutrition and health sectors, retail and processing purpose and for exports. ICFA is also promoting investments, entrepreneurship and technologies in farm sector by forging global partnerships with right institutions and by taking up projects, training and facilitating farmers producer organizations and agri start-up ventures to accelerate growth in farmers incomes, productivity and agribusinesses.

With rapidly expanding opportunities in Indian food and agriculture sector and its growth story in the last one decade, there is increased interest among the major countries of the World to engage with India and explore opportunities for investments, trade and cooperation. There has been long felt need for a dedicated body to facilitate such engagements through Joint Business Councils with various countries while promoting agri-produce from Indian States and guiding them on investments, marketing and policy issues. India also needs institutional mechanism at the States and district levels, wherein various stakeholders could meet and deliberate upon issues and agenda to unleash the potential of agriculture. ICFA promises to provide that mechanism through services platforms, and state and district chapters.

Dr MJ Khan
Chairman

COMPANY OVERVIEW

Indian Council of Food and Agriculture was established in the year 2015 backed with a thought process of over 12 years. Given the importance of agriculture in Indian economy as still 50 % of country's population is directly dependent on farm sector for its livelihood and sustenance and the rapid transformation of agriculture throughout the globe and especially developing countries, changing the course of global food and agriculture trade, the council was constituted to represent Indian Agriculture sector globally and take up issues at the national as well as international level.

ICFA is an apex body, which act as a think tank, information bank, advocacy group, watch-dog, development catalyst, trade, technology and investments facilitator and monitoring center for food and agriculture sector at national and global level. It acts parallel to trade bodies like CII, FICCI etc., but is different from them in scope and objectives to represent not only the interests of the industry but also the sector as a whole, including the farming community.

The fast changing trade and economic environment globally requires a paradigm shift in our approach. We have to act proactively and respond positively to the changing dynamics of the global trade and agriculture. The bench-marks are now global and we have to prepare our policies and strategies with global perspective. Though the country has become self reliant in food grains production, its average productivity and quality is low and the cost of production high, which makes Indian agriculture less competitive in the world market. Therefore, there is need for global cooperation in agriculture and much greater need for boosting up trade in food and agriculture. This sector also promises great potential for start-up ventures and entrepreneurship opportunities, which ICFA facilitates.

A paradigm shift is required in our approach to agriculture; from production to marketing, from quantity to quality and domestic to international consumers. Agriculture has to be practiced on scientific lines with the use of best of technologies available to compete globally in cost and quality. A major program on crops shifting has to be implemented, taking in view the global benchmarking and our core competitive strengths in various crops. The importance of internal reforms and direction to the sector is enhanced on account of centrality of food and agriculture in the global trade post WTO.

In the changing global agriculture scenario due to increasing pressure to feed increasing population with shrinking resources in a sustainable manner to retain ecological balance and mitigate the effect of climate change, ICFA envisages to play an important role by making agriculture sustainable and profitable.

VISION

“Unleashing the potential of India's food and agriculture sector and empowering farmers through trade, technologies and partnerships towards achieving global food security and environmental sustainability.”

MISSION

“Acting as the think tank, development enterprise and platform for global partnerships among the stake-holders in food and agriculture sector towards creating opportunities for trade, technologies and investments in agriculture and food value chain; and thus facilitating entrepreneurship development, farmers’ empowerment and enhancing the centrality of farm sector in policy making and economic ecosystem.”

OBJECTIVES

- To be the apex body at the national level, acting as think tank, policy research and trade facilitation body, development enterprise and policy advocacy center for food and agriculture sector; and to give voice to various stakeholders; farmers, agri professionals, trade, industry, research and development sectors.
- To act as the monitoring center and watch-dog for the national and international developments in food and agriculture sector, and to positively influence policies, trade negotiations towards protecting interests of farmers and the industry alike as also to promote the opportunities for small farmers and agri business ventures in this sector.
- To be the global platform for partnerships in food and agriculture to promote trade, investments and technologies and startup ventures in farm sector; and execute programs of GAP, food safety, environmental sustainability and agricultural stewardships towards promoting eco-agriculture and accelerating the growth of agribusinesses and food trade.
- 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; and promote innovations and adoption of successful farming and agribusiness models on larger scale and facilitate visits of trade and official delegations between India and other countries
- To be the national 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; and to act as apex facilitation body to further the cause of farmers and key stakeholders involved in food, agriculture and agribusinesses.



BOARD MEMBERS

Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture is governed by a Board of Directors, which is comprised of the professionals of national and global eminence from the diverse fields such as policy, development, academic, research, farming, trade and industry. Currently, ICFA has a twenty Member Board, chaired by Dr. MJ Khan.



Prof. Panjab Singh
President
National Academy of
Agricultural Sciences



Salil Singhal
Chairman and MD
PI Industries Ltd



Prof. S Ayyappan
Vice-Chancellor
Central Agricultural University, Imphal



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Western Australia University, Perth



Mr Rakesh Gambhir
Convenor
Global Food & Retail Forum

MANAGEMENT TEAM

ICFA, being a think tank, cannot lean too heavily towards either the academic, journalistic or bureaucratic mode of operation, but instead, needed to use the required elements and as a result board of directors came up with a distinctive and customized “business model” for the organization. The management team for the organization for the financial year 2016-17 was:

MANAGEMENT TEAM



DR. MJ KHAN
CHAIRMAN



MR. ALOK SINHA, IAS
VICE CHAIRMAN, ICFA



MR. PRAVIN SRIVASTAVA, IAS
DIRECTOR GENERAL, ICFA

ICFA WORKING AREAS

Indian Council of Food and Agriculture, being the first think tank in the sector of food and agriculture in India focuses on almost all aspects of the agricultural sector of India from farmers to the industry. With this wide view, the council focuses on the following working areas by conducting RTCs, launching Working Groups with respect to various sectors and signing MoUs with various institutes.

1. **Policy Research and Advocacy:** The success of farming or the businesses depend upon the policies of the Governments, which regulate markets, pricing of inputs and outputs and almost everything in the environment in which agriculture and food sector operate.
2. **Global Platform for Partnerships:** With the globalization of trade and economies, and the issue of climate change emerging as major global concern, there is need for collective efforts and cooperation towards achieving food security and environmental sustainability.
3. **Trade and Agribusiness Facilitation:** India has got very large and diverse food production system, growing almost every crop and every animal that is grown in any part of the world. However, share of India in global food and agriculture trade is minimal, which ICFA promises to boost.
4. **Startup Ventures and Projects Consulting:** Indian agriculture promises enormous opportunities for entrepreneurs development and start-up ventures and agriculture and food value chain, but there is need for effective facilitation and quality projects consulting for best results.
5. **Agri Services and Farmer's Empowerment:** Indian agriculture lacks professional services right from farm management and agribusinesses to delivery of programs and schemes and connecting farmers with the markets and technologies and ICFA is committed to address that need.

6. **Food Safety and Agriculture Stewardship:** Access to safe, nutritious and healthy food is a fundamental right of the people. However, a vast population globally is suffering from malnutrition and unsafe food. Towards this end, ICFA has launched GAP Project and Healthy Food Initiative.

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

Working Groups, Councils and Alliances

Indian food and agribusiness industry is large and diverse with about a dozen industries offering inputs for agriculture and about three dozen industries involved in output businesses and agri-food value chain. Each major industry has its one or more national level associations, catering to the policy and development needs of that industry. However, need has been felt for a long time to have larger support system to substantiate efforts of each industry with more research and knowledge inputs and institutional, policy and political support system. With this vision, ICFA has institutionalized sector specific working groups, councils and alliances. Till previous year, ICFA had operationalized eight working Groups and during the period of 2018– 19 ___ more working groups have been operationalised. Also, one state councils, in addition to previous two district councils have been constituted.

Launched Uttarakhand State Agriculture Council

Date:

Venue: GBPUAT, Pantnagar



ICFA launched during the Uttarakhand Progressive Farmers Convention at Dehradun its 40 member State Agriculture Council, headed by Dr. BS Bisht, Director, Birla Institute of Applied Sciences and former VC, Pantnagar Agriculture University. Launching the Council, chief minister, Mr. TS Rawat launched the council and acknowledged that such platform was critically needed for the state, which could advise the Govt on policy matters and promote agribusiness through partnering with the industry and national and global institutions.

Round Table Conferences (RTCs)

ICFA initiated a series of round table conferences for all the major sub – sectors and aspects of agricultural sector taking all the stakeholders i.e. government officials, policy makers, corporate heads, heads of academic and research institutions on board with a purpose to create a platform for open discussion about issues and challenges of the sector. RTCs envisage taking up major concerns and bottlenecks for the growth of the sector and coming up with the recommendation to overcome the same. Till last year ICFA has organized 17 Round Table Conferences and six more have been conducted in 2018-19.

Policy Push for India's Agtech Ecosystem

Date: March 15, 2019

Venue: India International Centre, New Delhi



Round Table was organised jointly with NASSCOM with an objective to bring together all important stakeholders of Agriculture, Technology and finance sectors of India to deliberate on this crucial topic, mobilizing opportunities for interaction amongst the Entrepreneurs, State & Central Government Stakeholders, investors and technologists with the aim of chipping away odds and formulating favourable policies for AgTech sector to bloom. The meeting was chaired by Mr. SC Pandey, Special Secretary, DIPP and was joined by 40 plus IT company CEOs, top experts and senior officials from the Ministries of Agriculture, DIT, Industries, Niti Ayog and State Governments.. It highlighted the Gaps & Opportunities in Agriculture Ecosystem, legal road blocks faced by Agri-Tech Companies and the steps needed to promote digital agriculture.

Farmers issues and agricultural policies

Date: December 24, 2018

Venue: India International centre



Round Table on farmers issues and agricultural policies was organised to finalize farmers' National agenda which is to be taken up with different political parties for their 2019 election manifesto. Over 60 industry leaders, farmer leaders, industry experts, government officials and other stakeholders participated in the discussion. In the discussion, various important aspects were addressed and several recommendations were worked upon.

Crop Residue Burning- challenges and Solutions

Date: December 24, 2018

Venue: India International Centre, New Delhi



The conference on Crop Residue Burning, its Challenges and Solutions, was organised with an aim to take up the subject with farmers, industrialists and government as a whole. The conference was chaired by Hon'ble Minister of Environment and Forest, Government of NCT of Delhi, Sh. Imran Hussain. Over 60 industry leaders, farmer leaders, industry experts, government officials and other stakeholders participated in the discussion. In the discussion, various important aspects were addressed, and several recommendations were worked upon.

Eco Agriculture

Date: May 22, 2018

Venue: India International Centre



Given the rise in concern for quality and sustainability amongst consumers across the globe,

agriculture being primary sector needs to im-
bibe both these concerns into its lifecycle, hence
a round table was organised to discuss the issues
and challenges as well as scope and opportunity in
the growing sector. The conference was chaired by
Padam Shree Dr. MH Mehta and was participated
by industry leaders, farmer leaders, industry ex-
perts, government officials and other stakeholders.

MSP to Farmers

Date: April 3, 2018

Venue: India Habitat Centre



Round Table on MSP to farmers was organised to
take up with various challenges related to min-
imum support price. Over 60 industry leaders,
farmer leaders, industry experts, government of-
ficials' and other stakeholders participated in the
discussion. In the discussion, various important
aspects were addressed and several recommenda-
tions were worked upon.

Sugar

Date: May 1, 2018

Venue: India International Centre



There is deepening crisis in sugar sector in India
with sugar cost of production being higher than
international market prices and excess produc-
tion of 5-7 million tonnes, adding to already car-
ried over stocks of 5 plus million tonnes, leading
to delays in payments to farmers. In the process
both farmers and the industry facing acute prob-
lems. With this background, ICFA today hosted
a National Round Table on Sugar in New Delhi
with the participation of top officials, including
cane commissioners of five states, Chairmen and
CEOs of a dozen sugar companies and prominent
farmers leaders, including Sh. Rakesh Tikait, Mr.
KB Chowdhary and Sh Pushpendra Singh. The
meeting was chaired by Mr. Ravi Verma, Mem-
ber of Parliament. ICFA chairman, Dr. MJ Khan
emphasized on a long term sustainable model of
addressing the sugar sector problem, suggesting
Brazil model of ethanol fuel mixing linked to sug-
ar production, creation of a Rs. 25,000 crore Spe-
cial Sugar Budget and hiking the sugar sale prices
by Rs. 15 a kg. Mr. Tarun Sawhney, CMD, Triveni
Group suggested subsidizing exports and liquidat-
ing 5 million tons stocks immediately and finan-
cial support to the industry on urgent basis.

Discussions and Interactions

Besides Round Tables, ICFA time to time organises
other consultation meetings, interactions and dis-
cussions to address new issues and challenges. In
year 2018-19, similar discussions were conducted:

Consultation meeting on Farm and farmers' Agenda

Date: March 11, 2019

Venue:



A high level consultation meeting among the key policy makers, industry, experts and farmer leaders was organised to discuss and finalise the agriculture and farmers' agenda for the nation. More than 100 points were shared from restructuring farm subsidiaries to reforming kisan card system, launching folder policy, passing, seed bill, and pesticide management bill and starting farmer pension scheme to appoint agriculture counsellors in Indian embassies, boosting precision farming systems and setting up agro processing complexes along the major highway to better support system for FPOs and raising MSPs and extending its reach and differential pricing for sugar etc. for reducing the cost of cultivation and increasing farm profitability.

Meeting on Farmers' Agenda

Date:

Venue: Residence-Union Home Minister, New Delhi



Meeting at Union Home Minister residence on farmers agenda was participated by a battery of ministers, including Home Minister, Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman, Agriculture Minister, Radha Mohan Singh, Urban Dev Minister Hardeep Puri, Union State Ministers of Ag, Mr. P Rupala and GS Shekhawat, ex CM of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Chauhan, Agri Minister, Haryana, OP Dhankar, Bhupendra Yadav, MP, Virendra Singh, MP and host of farmers leaders, including Rakesh Tikait, Yudhvir Singh, Pasha Patel, KB Chaudhary, Dr Ramesh Yadav, Dr Rajaram Tripathi etc. and over two dozen chairmen of the industry and top officials and experts, including

Dr. Ashok Dalwai, Dr PK Joshi, Dr Purvi Mehta, Dr. KL Chadha and 40 others to work on farmers' agenda.

ICFA delegation met Commerce Minister

Date:

Venue:



ICFA delegation met Minister of Commerce and Industry, Sh Suresh Prabhu and discussed the measures to enhance the global market competitiveness of India's agri produce to achieve the export target of \$60 billion by the year 2022 from its current level of \$36 billion. Creation of commodity specific boards for focused approach, developing value chain, establishing Brand India in key products and improving cost and quality of produce were some of the measures discussed.

Chinese delegation in New Delhi



A high power agriculture group from Guizhou

province of China, led by H.E. Mr. Meng Qiliang, Vice Chairman, CPPCC was hosted in New Delhi and discussed on promoting trade and technology cooperation in food and agriculture. Dr. Dinesh Chauhan, CEO, International Agriculture Consulting Group made a detailed presentation on the agribusiness, trade and investment opportunities in India. Guizhou province was keen to import fresh and processed fruits and vegetables, oilseed, rice and spices from India. They were also keen to learn Eco Agriculture systems from India while offering to export chemical fertilisers, farm machinery and digital agriculture systems. The Vice Chair invited ICFA to mount a delegation to the province in April 2019 to further explore possibilities.

GALS Organising Committee meeting

Date:

Venue:



Organising Committee meeting of 11th Global Agriculture Leadership Summit at ICFA HQ in New Delhi was convened to discuss and finalise event details. The meeting was participated by Organising committee members Dr. M Moni, chairman, ICFA Working Group on IT, His Excellency MR. Sreihin, Secy Gen, AARDO, Mr CP Shoran, ED, Dr KL Chadha, chairman, ICFA Working Group on Horticulture, Mr Kapil Mehan, chairman, ICFA Working Group on Fertilizers, Mr Alok Sinha, DG, Dr Gurbachan Singh, chairman, ICFA Karnal District Council and ex Ag Commissioner, GOI and Dr. NK Dadlani, ex Director, Asia Pacific Seed Association. The Summit was finalised to be organised on 24-25 Oct, 2018 as part

of AgroWorld and comprise Leadership Awards, release of Agriculture Year Book and several side events by corporates.

Curtain Raiser AgroWorld 2019

Date:

Venue:



A curtain raiser breakfast for diplomats was hosted and dates for AgroWorld 2019 was announced (5-8 Nov, 2019). Over 40 Ambassadors and Trade Counselors from different embassies participated. The details subevents i.e. 12 international conferences each on Agri related and Food related subjects, sectoral expo, agriculture summit, CEOs meetings and country specific events by embassies and special corporate events and much more were shared.

Consultation meeting on Agri Export Policy

Date: April 3, 2018

Venue: India Habitat Centre



ICFA in association with the Ministry of Com-

merce and APEDA hosted stakeholders consultation meeting in New Delhi on Agri Export Policy, drafted and uploaded on ministry site for inviting comments before announcing. The policy seeks to double India's agro exports from the current \$30 billion to \$60 billion in next five years. The meeting was chaired by the secretary of commerce Mrs. Rita Teatia and co-chaired by chairman APEDA MR. DK Singh and Joint Secretary MR. Santosh Sarangi. Chairman ICFA asked for 1 adoption of precision farming 2. Crop indexing if competitiveness 3. Adoption of GAP certification and appointment of agriculture Counsellors in various countries to effectively link farmers with the markets and promote India's agro exports.

Collaborations/Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)

ICFA with a view to build a reliable, valuable and rational relationship and to establish friendly and cordial relations between India and other countries signed Memorandum of Understanding with various organizations, including Universities. ICFA has entered into collaborations with organisations across the globe, till previous year ICFA had 11 active collaborations.

Ghana India Trade Chamber

Date:



An MoU to promote trade, investment and agribusinesses between Ghana and India was signed between Ghana India Trade Chamber and ICFA. Ghana is aggressively engaging with India and agriculture is one of the main focus. It was partner country, represented by a high level dele-

gation led by the country's Vice President at the CII Africa Summit that concluded in New Delhi on _____. The agreement was signed between ICFA chairman, Dr MJ Khan and GITAC president, Mr. Dominic Oduro Antwi.

Sociedad Rural Argentina

Date:



Sociedad Rural Argentina entered in an agreement with ICFA in New Delhi for working together on boosting agro-trade and cooperation between India and Argentina. SRA is the apex body representing lead farmers, farm enterprises and agro and livestock businesses in Argentina. The MoU was signed between the President, SRA, Mr. Daniel G. Pelegrina and Chairman, ICFA, Dr. MJ Khan. The two sides decided to host business and technical delegations and jointly organise Indo-Argentina Agriculture Meet, besides sharing knowledge in Agro Tourism, Dairy, GAP and Food Safety.

NASSCOM

Date:



A MoU was signed with NASSCOM to work together on AgTech Startups vertical and to bring together expertise and capabilities, promoting IT, and Digital Technology applications in the agriculture sector as whole. NASSCOM is the apex body of IT companies in India, representing 2200 companies and \$ 154 billion industry. The MoU was signed by Nasscom Senior Vice President, Ms. Sangeeta Gupta and ICFA Director-Trade Facilitation, Ms Mili Dubey. Present on the occasion were Sh. Pravin Srivastava, Director General, ICFA, Ms. Shilpa Tyagi, Project Manager, ICFA, Mr. Om Routray, Community Lead, NASSCOM and Ms. Neha Rawal, Deputy Manager- Council, NASSCOM.

Federation of Agriculture and Livestock of the State of Mato Grosso

Date:



FAMATO, Brazil signed an MoU to work together on developmental issues in food and agriculture sectors, promote cooperation between India and Brazil and generate reciprocal awareness among the industries, investors and other stakeholders. The MoU was signed by Mr. CP Shoran, Executive Director, ICFA and Marcos da Rosa, Vice President, FAMATO. The meeting was joined by 6 farmers leaders from AIFA and 16 delegation members from Brazil, including CEOs of Senar-MT, Soja Livre Institute, Imea-MT, Torino Co., Aprosoja MT, CBPF etc. The MoU aims to accelerate exchange of knowledge, visit of business delegations, experts and trade to boost sustainable agriculture

Amity University

Date:



An MoU was signed with Amity University towards promoting growth in Agriculture, Horticulture, Livestock & allied sectors. Dr. W. Selvamurthy Director General, Amity Directorate of Science & Innovation. Dr. Nutan Kaushik Director General signed it with Mr. CP Shoran ED, ICFA at Amity Campus amidst Galaxy of Amity Eminent Scientists.

Visitors

Hosted GlobalGAP Leader

Date:

Venue:



Mr. Ben Harsbrugh, global team leader of GlobalGAP, the world certification standards body visited ICFA HQ and discussed the need to accelerate efforts on bringing major exportable and industrial use crops under GAP certification towards achieving the objectives of doubling agro exports. Adoption of Good Agriculture Practices is inte-

gral to Sustainable Agriculture. Certification of GAP will be mandatory for agro exports to most countries in next 5-7 years. Major food processing MNCs and European retail chains have taken pledge to buy only GAP certified agro produce by 2024.

Vice Chancellor, Central Agricultural University

Date:



Prof. Premjit Singh, VC CAU visited to discuss the North East Agri Summit and Vibrant North East Expo organised at Imphal 20-22 Feb, 2019. The VC detailed about various CSR funded programs run by the university on agri startups in NER and sought ICFA support in giving a boost.

Special Representative of the President of Argentina

Date:



Mr. Jesus Sylveyra, Special Representative of the President of Argentina, along with the embassy of-

officials visited ICFA today to discuss the agriculture agenda for the visit of the President to New Delhi on Feb 18, 2019. Argentina is giving special thrust to agro trade with India, aimed at doubling it to \$ 6 billion in next five years.

Chinese Delegation



A seven member Chinese agriculture delegation led by the Vice Secretary General of Neijiang, Mr. Chen Liping was received by ICFA team led by the Executive Director, Mr. CP Shoran discussed various issues and possibilities for technical co-operation between Chinese and Indian States and institutions.

Vietnamese Delegation



A 14 member Vietnamese Agriculture delegation led by DG of International Cooperation and joined by embassy officials in New Delhi was received by Dr. MJ Khan, Chairman, ICFA. The delegation discussed that the two countries have a lot in common in farming systems, food production and Agri businesses and highlight the area of support seed, IT, fisheries, organic farming and

Agro processing.

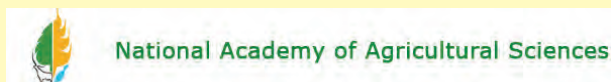
Divisional Commissioner and Secretary Revenue, Delhi



Date:

The Divisional Commissioner and Secretary Revenue of Delhi, Mrs. Manisha Saxena, IAS and the DM of South West Delhi, Mr Abhishek Dev, IAS along with three SDMs, Ms. Nivedita, IAS, Ms. Purva Garg, IAS and Ms Bhanu Prabha, IAS were received by Dr. MJ Khan, Chairman, Ms Mili Dubey, Director, Ms Mamta Jain, Director and Dr Shivam Sharma, DGM besides CEO of IACG, Dr. Dinesh Chauhan and discussed about revitalising agriculture in rural Delhi to make it more profitable through high tech interventions by setting up few centres of excellence and connecting farmers with the best agriculture practices and global agri-business models.

Hosted President NAAS



President of the National Academy of Agriculture

Sciences and Chancellor of Central Agriculture University, Jhansi, Dr. Panjab Singh was received for discussions on various issues concerning farmers and Indian agriculture. The important points deliberated upon included the need to expand role of NAAS, as the apex scientific body, in the agri policy matters, including land reforms, subsidy reforms, marketing reforms, regulatory reforms, technological adoption and issues related to farming efficiencies, research and extension systems and IT in agriculture and rural employment.

Interactions and Participations EIMA Italy



Date:

EIMA Italy, one of the largest farmtech events in the world, it was an eye opener to see futuristic innovations in farm mechanisation and automation. From display of massive size tractors by Fendt, John Deere, Ferguson etc. @ 600 HP Plus and stylish tractors by Lamborghini, Fiaccadori and Carraro etc. to India power at display by Sonalika Tractors through Solis Brand, Kartar Tractors, Nandaan Jain and Shaktiman to large scale display of drones and digital agriculture technologies, the show gives glimpse of future mechanised agricul-

ture. Chairman ICFA participated in the event.

Hong Kong General chamber of Commerce



Date:

Dr MJ Khan Chairman met Chairman Asia-Africa Committee, Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, Mr Behzad Mirzaei their HQ. There is high level of interest among the businesses and investors in Hong Kong about India and discussed to facilitate business and trade and promote investments in collaboration.



Prof. Swaminathan

Date:

Chairman ICFA visited Professor Swaminathan at his Chennai office to greet on his 93rd Birthday. He discussed about Prof's article in Times of India that has become matter of political debate, being referred to by the Union Ministers in the Parliament as endorsement of the Modi Government's farm policies, but some people raising questions about its authenticity. Prof explained that this

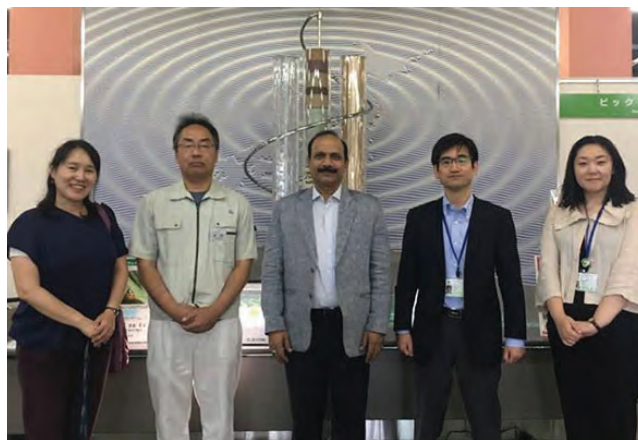
Government has accepted most of the Farmers Commission recommendations and his article hailed the Govt for that.



Farmship INC, Japan

Date:

Horticulture is slowly moving in the direction of industrial production with hydroponics, aeroponics and LED lighting based controlled chamber production. Leading the pack are US, China and Japan and few European countries. New technologies opening enormous possibilities for designer production of herbs and vegetables, pesticides and pathogens free. Dr. MJ Khan Chairman, ICFA visited a startup company, Farmship INC at Kyo-bashi, which runs four plants of leafy vegetables production and plans to open 100 in next three years in Japan and ASEAN countries. This production system holds huge potential for India especially for young Entrepreneurs.



NARO, Tsukuba campus, Japan

Known for its advances in automobiles, electronics, engineering and technologies, Japan has equally high achievements in agriculture. It's now building rapidly on Smart Agriculture with thrust to farm automation committed to the national goal of 5.0 agriculture society. It is the concept of building next generation of technologically empowered agriculture community with smart agriculture systems. Dr. MJ Khan Chairman visited National Agriculture Research Organisation, Tsukuba campus, which is working on robotics, driverless tractors, auto rice trans planters and precision farming technologies. It occupies over 52% of the Japan's acreage and is today leading apple variety in the world.

Ex- President Mukherjee



Date:

Venue:

Met Ex-President Mukherjee at his official residence along with our Executive Director, Mr CP Shoran and Director, Ms Mili Dubey and discussed a range of issues concerning farmers and Indian Agriculture.

COA, Taiwan



Date:

Venue:

Ministry of Agriculture, named as Agriculture Council of Taiwan, led by DG, International Cooperation, COA hosted an interactive meeting at its HQ in Taipei and discussed about trade and technology cooperation with India. ICFA and COA agreed to work on jointly promoting digital farming, farm automation, agri value chain development, horticulture, food processing and ICT in food and agriculture.



Visited IRRI and ADB

Date:

Dr. MJ Khan, Chairman, visited IRRI HQ, 60 kms from Manila. IRRI has played key role in ensuring food security in rice growing countries during its last 50 years of existence and it continues to play vibrant role towards global food security and farmers economy. Also visited Asian Development Bank HQ and discussed India specific plans and role of ICFA in assisting ADB invest in agribusiness companies.



Commerec Minitser and Union Minister of State for Food

Met the Commerce Minister of India, Mr. Suresh Prabhu and Union Minister of State for Food, Mr. CR Chaudhary in New Delhi to discuss boosting Agro-food trade and organising AgroWorld 2018. The Minister advised for a special focus on Agri Startups during AgroWorld.



BAYER HQ, Germany

Dr MJ Khan Chairman ICFA visited its global headquarters at Düsseldorf in Germany and was received by the Executive Vice President and EC Member, Mr. Bernd Naaf for discussions on small holder farmers sustainability. The discussions were joined by Mr Lino Dias, Global Vice President, Mr Ronald Gonzalez, Global Head, Food Chain, Dr Arnd Nenstiel, Global Head-Policies, Dr Birgitt Tylla, Head-Business Stewardship besides other senior executives. The team presented its sustainability project being executed in Varanasi and discussions greatly focused on how to empower Indian small holder farmers. Later visited advanced R&D facilities of the company and was impressed to see complete automation and robotisation of its

research labs.

Director and Global CEO, UPL



Mr. Jai Shroff, Director and Global CEO today hosted dinner at famous Annabel's Club, Central London. Dr. MJ Khan Chairman ICFA discussed about Indian and global agriculture scenario, emerging agro technologies, digital farming project, agribusiness opportunities and UPL's future business focus. Also discussed about the AgroWorld 2018 and the World Agriculture Prize being launched by ICFA from 24-27 Oct in New Delhi

ATPC, Ministry Of Agriculture, Beijing, China.

Date:

DGM, Ankit Grewal met with Team ATPC, Ministry Of Agriculture, Beijing, China and discussed about scope of collaboration amongst the two agencies to promote agriculture in two economies and grow agro trade. Also discusses ICFA's upcoming event AgroWorld 2018.

Participated in Vibrant Saurashtra

Date:

Venue:

Saurashtra region is leading in groundnut production in the country and of late Rajkot has emerged as the country's farm machinery production hub with a number of companies offering innovative farm equipments and small HP tractors. Chairman, ICFA Dr. MJ Khan today participated in Vibrant Saurashtra 2018 event at Rajkot and shared thoughts on challenges to farmers and farming.

Principal Secretary, Gujarat Agriculture Department

Chairman ICFA held a meeting at the Circuit House, Gandhinagar with the Gujarat Agriculture department officials led by the Principal Secretary, Mr. Sanjay Prasad and discussed various interventions for the State, including launching a Statewide project on precision farming, creating crop specific commodity boards, doubling farmers income workshops at districts level and launching district agriculture Councils and promoting Agri Startups in the State.

ICFA Flagship Event: Global Agriculture Leadership Summit and Award 2018

Date: October 24-25, 2018-19



Venue: Hotel Hyatt Regency, New Delhi

The 11th Global Agriculture Summit 2018 was the annual two days event aimed to provide the platform towards facilitating farmers connect with the technologies, markets, industry, institutions and the Governmental programs. It provided a platform to discuss the constraints and opportunities for a global momentum towards making agriculture high-tech, market linked and value added for best returns to farmers and to all stakeholders across the food value chain. ICFA brought together eminent personalities of Indian and global agriculture, food and agribusiness sectors on one platform on the event of 11th Global Agriculture Summit 2018. This spectacle was combined with the presentation of 11th Global Leadership

Awards and the launch of Agriculture Year Book 2018. Important individuals and institutions, who played pivotal role in building new faiths and ambitions in agriculture were presented with the Global Leadership Awards 2018. The Agriculture Year Book 2018 provided an exhaustive appraisal of activities in food and agriculture round the year. The event observed the participation of everyone anyhow associated with food and agriculture via business, research, academics, media, farming, trade, development, policy making, implementation and any other medium across the globe.

During the two days, discussions on different aspects of agriculture as well as agribusiness were conducted with eminent personalities from research, industry and administration and policy making in attendance who shared their views and experience with the august gathering. In all total seven technical sessions were carried out revolving around different aspects like Finance, technologies, role of state, ICT etc.

Agriculture Leadership Awards were also presented to the individuals and organisations for their outstanding work under different categories. In all 19 awards were presented in different categories. The awards were given away by Hon'ble Minister of Home Sh. Rajnath Singh Ji. The awards are presented to recognize the excellent work done and to inspire the others to continue their efforts. (For detailed report, please visit <http://icfa.org.in/souvenirs.php>)

During the GALS 2018, a special session "Swaminathan Global Dialogue on Climate change and Food security" was introduced for the first time to address the pressing issue of climate change and food security. The dialogue was participated by various international leaders, who brainstormed to come up with a road map to mitigate the effect of climate change and ensure food and nutritional security in the world.

Furthermore, another major addition was the World Agriculture Prize @ 100,000 USD, the first one being present to distinguished Professor

MS Swaminathan. The award was presented by Hon'ble Vice President Sh Venkaiah Naidu.
ICFA Flagship Event: AgroWorld- 2018



Date: October 25 to 27, 2018
 Venue: IARI, New Delhi

In a bid to introduce contemporary agriculture –agri and allied sectors with their best practices, technologies, processing and marketing that could inevitably help countless farmers and platform owners, Indian Council of Food and Agriculture with the support of the Government of India and several States and in technical collaborations with a large number of industry associations and international bodies, put up AgroWorld 2018.

The mega event comprised of exhibition (sector specific pravillion, agri-inputs, food and food processing, animal husbandry and aquatic products, agro-technology and agro machinery, agri-infrastructure, value chain, marketing and trade and agro-products), 11 international conferences, over a dozen global business dialogue, progressive farmers convention, agri startup convention and country specific business sessions. AgroWorld also recognised the performance of organisations as well as individuals in agri space and presented the awards in various categories for Global CEO, India Agribusiness and Outstanding Professionals.

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The event witnessed the participation of over 1000 farmers, 250 researchers and academicians, 300 research scholars and students, and 250 industry personnel. Around 50 organisations exhibited their products and services and spread awareness about innovations in agriculture amongst participants.

The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Sh Radha Mohan Ji and was graced by the presence of Sh. Mahadev Jankar and H.E. Mr. K Rajasekharan.

OTHER MAJOR EVENTS

Uttarakhand Progressive Farmers Convention
 Date : April 8, 2018



Venue : GBPUAT, Pantnagar

With an aim to address state specific concerns of farmers and facilitate information sharing and strengthening upward as well as downward linkages, state progressive convention was organised in Uttarakhand. The event was presided over by the agriculture minister Mr. Subodh Uniyal and the finance minister Mr. Prakash Pant. The convention with ICFA's global reach helped the state and its farmers in connecting with agri businesses and markets and promised all the support by the State. ICFA also presented AIFA Sonalika Awards to 20 Progressive Farmers.

All India Progressive Farmers Convention

Date: 28 feb- 01 march, 2019

Venue: Constitution Club of India, New Delhi




All India Farmers Alliance supported by ICFA convened 2nd All India Progressive Farmers Convention to discuss the issues, challenges and opportunities for Indian farmers. Over 300 farmers from 14 States participated in the convention, chaired by Dr. Ashok Dalwai, Chairman, PM Task Force on Doubling Farmers Incomes. Shri Ashok Bajpai, Member of Parliament and Shri Rapolu Ananda Bhaskar, Member of Parliament presented ICFA Progressive Farmer Awards to 15 farmers for their commendable work in farming and agriculture sector. The aim was to foster partnership among the key stakeholders and promote backward as well as forward linkages.

Vibrant North East - 2018



ICFA co-organised VNE-2018 to promote agriculture of north eastern region and drive industrial as well as entrepreneurship development in the region, while building its strength. ICFA chairman, Dr MJ Khan participated in the Vibrant North East 2018 event at Guwahati and joined the ICFA Agriculture Council on NER meeting, under the chairmanship of Mr. PL Thanga, IAS 1974 batch. The meeting joined by 25 industry CEOs and Government officials, deliberated upon the action plan for NER, which recommended inviting seeds companies, bio-input companies and poultry industry, as the region faces shortage of quality agri-inputs and chicks.



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