

National Skills Foundation of India conducted GLOBAL Agri Connect 2011 between 14th -16th October 2011 in IARI Campus, Pusa, New Delhi - a three day seminar, exhibition cum kisan gosthis to bring different stakeholders on single platform based on, Mid Term Appraisal report of the XI Plan Government has to work on reforming the **three "I"s: Investment, Incentives and Institutions** to bring about transformational changes in agriculture over next five year plan period (2013-2017).

The event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble MoS (Agriculture & Food Processing Industries), GoI. On the second of event marked visit of Hon'ble President and his delegates, Govt of Myanmar to see live demonstration of Micro Irrigation & latest Farm Machineries & implements.

NCPAH participated in 45sqm to promote use of various plasticulture applications in horticulture, scheme details on NMMI, NHM & HMNEH, prepared technical literatures on various plasticulture applications in agriculture & water management in English / Hindi, address of various manufacturers & suppliers of plasticulture applications, state implementing agencies, package of practices on selected fruits & vegetables etc. A special section was created for famer interaction and displaying successful adoption of various plasticulture applications through documentaries in Hindi. NCPAH in Plasticulture Hanger was one of the best displayed stall in terms of information, literatures & replying to various queries on precision farming method & related plasticulture applications.



Famers at NCPAH Stall & taking literatures



Hon'ble MoS(Agriculture), GoI

On the last day of the event Hon'ble Minister for Development of North East Region (DONER), GoI, visited Exhibition and Chaired valedictory session. Among the Central Govt. participation, NCPAH received an award for promotion & development of plasticulture under GoI schemes in the country.

More than 7,500 farmers participated in the kisan gosthi. NCPAH through PFDC, IARI, Delhi conducted technical sessions on Micro Irrigation, Fertigation & Protected Agriculture in Kisan Gosthis. The subsidies detail for various plasticulture applications along with activities of the Precision Farming Development Centre (PFDC) were shared for the benefit of farmers attending the gosthis. There were **four pavilions created for Agriculture, Horticulture, Plasticulture & North East Region.**



More than 15,000 visitors across NCR visited the seminar cum exhibition & kisan gosthis.

The **three days seminar** provided sharing of role of small producers, farm productivity, Water usage & Exploitation - challenges for future, Demand driven research & innovation in agriculture, Farm Mechanization, Social Security for Farmers, Skill development, Supply Chain management, Access to markets, Agriculture Policy & a focused session on the day last was on North East: Changing Trend. NCPAH submitted a paper titled "Micro Irrigation changing the face of Indian Agriculture" by highlighting implementation of National Mission on Micro Irrigation.

Forward path:

With large bank of cultivable land, adequate water resources and favourable climate condition suited to most crops, India can be the largest agriculture producer in the world. The forum generated technical deliberations on major private sector investments in Agri value chain. Agriculture is a way of life in India with farming mostly subsistence and not in the form of a commercial enterprise. The process of transformation entails a multi pronged approach.

The three days seminar provided much needed deliberation on major issues & challenges related to technological deficit on farm, prompt extension system to educate farmers about latest technology, exploring ways to strengthen agricultural finance, tackling manpower deficit through skill building, an efficient value chain so as to curb wastage of produce and remunerative returns to the farmers in the country.

Global Agri Connect 2011 provided a platform to facilitate such a thought process for a new paradigm in Indian agriculture. The event kept **one focused hanger having plasticulture** and NCPAH provided technical inputs for the live demonstration of various micro irrigation systems, farm pond lined with plastic film, use of polycarbonate in Greenhouse, plastic mulching, use of automation unit in irrigation etc. Farmers visiting exhibition & kishan gosthis collected information about subsidy details under Govt schemes, samples of various plasticulture applications and contact details of various companies for the adoption of various plasticulture applications in agri / horticulture. This event would help **timely inputs for XII plan document**, spreading information & related govt. schemes for the adoption of latest technologies, market information through ICT & developing infrastructure for value processing of agri/horti produces in the country.

PHOTO GALLERY



MoS, MoA at Exhibition



Visitors at NCPAH Stall



MoS, MoA, GoI at NCPAH



Horticulture Development North East States by different Directorates



Hon'ble President Myanmar



Micro Irrigation with Head Unit



Afghanistan Farmers



Pond lined with Plastic Film



Kisan Gosthi - on Plasticulture



Live demo - MI