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Prof. MS Swaminathan, Pioneer of India's Green Revolution

Leaderships shape the destiny of people. I am happy that Agriculture Today has started Leadership Summit on Agriculture (2008).



Dr. Balram Jhakar, Governor of Madhya Pradesh

Agriculture Today is playing a transformational role in agriculture. Agriculture Summit is one more feather in its cap (2008).



Dr. AR Kidwai, Governor of Haryana

Agriculture Leadership Summit and Leadership Awards is very vibrant event, one of its kind in agriculture (2008).



Sh. Somnath Chatterjee, Speaker – Lok Sabha

Agriculture Leadership Awards is a powerful concept and the event is amazing. I never expected such high class event in agriculture (2008).



Sh. Tarun Gogoi, Chief Minister, Assam

I am excited to be part of this important event. I congratulate Agriculture Today team for maintaining such a high standard (2008).



Dr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia, Dy. Chairman, Planning Commission

Very important agenda of the Summit. The selection of so eminent awardees speaks volumes about the class of this event (2009).



Dr. Bimal Jalan, MP and former Governor, RBI

Excellent event with so many important speakers on a variety of subjects, which the Summit seeks to address (2009)



Dr. KL Chadha, Pioneer of India's Golden Revolution

I am associated with this event from the inception. I must say that this event is the single most important event on agriculture (2009).



Sh. UC Sarangi, Chairman, NABARD

Amazing to see so many luminaries from policy makers to farmers and the industry to institutions and diplomats on one platform (2009).



Sh. Venkiah Naidu, MP and Chairman, PSC on Rural Development

I congratulate my friend Dr. MJ Khan and his team for putting together such a high class program, addressing the issues of the farmers (2010).



Sh. Subodh Kant Sahai, Union Minister of Food Processing Industries

In my opinion only Agriculture Today could do this charismatic act of bringing so many top speakers at the Summit, year after year (2010).



HE Mr. Jerome Bonnafont, Ambassador of France

Such a class of event on agriculture is not organised even in developed countries in Europe or US. The Agriculture Year Book is also outstanding (2010).



Sh. Shivraj Patil, Governor of Punjab

I have known MJ Khan since the year 1999 and I admire his ability to bring together leaderships from various quarters on farmers issues (2010).



Sh. Ajay Jakhar, President, Bharat Krishak Samaj

Agriculture Leadership Summit is an outstanding program, which addresses key issues concerning farmers year after year (2010).



Prof. KV Thomas, Union Minister of Food & Consumer Affairs

I am here today the 3rd time and each time I am struck by the quality and class of the program. It truly represents all in food and agriculture (2011).



Sh. LD Mittal, MD, International Tractors Limited

I was speaker in the 2009 Agriculture Summit also. I admire this program. The Agriculture Year Book released today is commendable (2011).



Sh. Salman Khurshid, Union Minister of Law

I do not have much understanding of agriculture but looking at the luminaries present here it looks most powerful gathering on farmers issues (2011).



Prof. RB Singh, Chancellor, Central Agriculture University

I am part of the Organising Committee and have regularly attended. I can say this event is simply the best in the world of Agriculture (2011).



Sh. Prakash Javadekar, Member of Parliament and BJP Spokesman

Agriculture Leadership Summit in my opinion is very powerful program on farmers issues. I have attended last three events. Truly admiring (2012).



Sh. Yudhvir Singh, General Secretary, Bhartiya Kisan Union

Farmers in India are in crisis. No one cares. I congratulate Agriculture Today team for raising farmers issues so powerfully through this Summit (2012).



Prof. PK Dhimal, Chief Minister, Himachal Pradesh

I am attending this program today third time as Chief Minister. Amazing program. So well organised every time. Awardees selection is praiseworthy (2012).



Sh. Harish Rawat, Union Minister of Water Resources

Agriculture Leadership Summit I find very well organised, every time that I attend. Leadership Awards have maintained very high standards (2012).



Dr. LS Rathore, Director General, IMD

It's exciting to be part of this summit organised under the leadership of the world's most important name in agriculture, Prof. MS Swaminathan (2012).



Sh. Rajnath Singh, President, Bharatiya Janata Party

I have known MJ Khan for the last fifteen years. He is playing seminal role in agriculture, bringing farmers agenda to the national centre-stage (2013).



Ambassador Dr. Islam Siddiqui, Chief Agriculture Negotiator, US

Its truly amazing program. I do not find this standard of program on agriculture in US or any other country, organised so meticulously year after year (2013).



Dr. Amrita Patel, Chairperson, NDDB

Excellent program. Agriculture Today teams deserves all accolades. Thanks to Prof. Swaminathan under whose guidance this program is organised (2013).



Dr. Jimmy Smith, DG, International Livestock Research Institute

I am so happy to be part of this important program. I also find Agriculture Year Book an excellent compilation of the articles and analysis (2013).



Sh. Prakash Singh Badal, Chief Minister, Punjab

Farmers and agriculture sector needs encouragement and recognition at the national level. Agriculture Leadership Awards are filling that gap (2013).



Prof. PJ Kurien, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha

I am very impressed to see the renowned people from diverse backgrounds attending this program. Awards function is awesome (2014).



Mrs. Harsimrat Kaur Badal, Union Min. of Food Processing Industries

I have been travelling interiors of Punjab and meeting farmers. They need strong voice. I find this program effectively addressing their cause (2014).



Prof. Abhishek Mishra, Minister of Science & Technology, UP

I have been reading about Prof. Swaminathan and used to see his photographs in the books. Imagine, how it feels to be with him on this program (2014).



Sh. Ashish Bahuguna, Secretary – Agriculture, Government of India

I have been seeing the deliberations and recommendations of the Summit since 2008 and find them very useful for formulating policy discourse (2014).



Sh. Suresh Prabhu, as Hon'ble Minister of Commerce

I am friend of MJ Khan since I attended his one program on farmers issues in 1998 as Union Environment Minister. What an ability to put together top leaderships from all walks of life. These programs are awesome. I also wish to congratulate Prof. MS Swaminathan, whom we all know as the Father of India's Green Revolution for his association and guidance.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Climate impacts on food security is a serious concern and thus more research is required that directly informs the actions needed to tackle food security challenges.
- Crop Diversification can play a significant role in doubling farmers' income. Farmers should not solely depend on their main crops rather should practice other economic activities as well, simultaneously, such as animal husbandry, fishery, piggery, goat rearing and etc., so as to earn extra income.
- Krishi Cabinets at the National & State Levels need to be established
- Time-bound Action Plans for implementing policy and program reforms in support of Doubling Farm Income by 2022 have to be prepared.
- Credit access can significantly increase farmers' potential to invest in improved technologies and practices and hence can increase their income.
- Role of RBI and the retail banking system can also be expanded to aid in agricultural development.
- Agricultural Research, Education and Extension are crucial areas in today's agriculture.
- Zinc deficiency in crops and humans is a global challenge, which can be resolved by using zinc fertilizers.
- Investing in technology for yielding crops and maintaining the quality of crops will give a boost to agriculture sector in the coming years.
- Capacity building through seminars, sessions, strategies and policy formulation with the financial assistance.
- Increasing investments from private sector can help in addressing many problems in agriculture sector.
- Public private partnership is also significant to provide the right business environment to attract capital investment, and ensure that investments support national targets.
- Building synergy which will reduce multiplicity of frameworks. The synergy between various markets – Physical, Spot, online & exchanges which help in rightful price discovery for farmer, buyers/traders & processors.
- Inclusion of insurance component to protect contract farmers' interests.
- Farm schools and exclusive universities of farm learning needs to be promoted.
- There should be demand, need and resource based Intelligent Farm planning. Collating research and technology results and experience would also aid in better farm planning.
- Transferring knowledge about customer and market to the farmers.
- Different crops should have different policy as all crops are different from each other and vary from each other in almost all aspects.
- India should take a decision on Genetically Modified crops

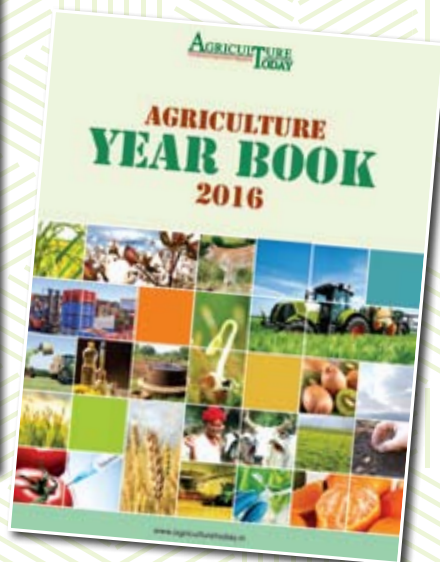
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Academic Leadership	Dr. Manjit Mishra, Director, Seed Centre, IOWA State University, USA	Lifetime Achievements	Prof. RB Singh, Chancellor, Central Agriculture University
Farming Leadership	Dr. Gazalla Amin, Farmer of Medicinal Plants and President, J&K Women Entrepreneurs Chamber, Srinagar	Global Trade and Policies	Dr. PK Joshi, South Asia Director, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC
Agribusiness Leadership	IB Group, Chhattisgarh	Best Animal Husbandry State	Government of Andhra Pradesh
CSR Leadership	DCM Shriram Limited	Best Horticulture State	Government of Chhattisgarh
Corporate Leadership	Mahindra Agri Solutions Limited	African Development Award	Dr. Ibrahim Mayaki, Chief of NEPAD (African Union Agency) and former Prime Minister, Niger
Entrepreneur Leadership	Mr. Suresh Agarwal, MD, Bejo Sheetal Seeds P. Ltd., Jalna.	International Leadership Award	Ambassador Kenneth Quinn, President, World Food Prize Foundation, USA
Livelihood Leadership	Africa Asia Rural Development Organisation (AARDO)		



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2. Extension Leadership Award	● Dr. SA Patil, Chairman, Karnataka Farmers Commission	15. Global Trade and Policies Award	● Dr. MaharajMuthoo, President, Roman Forum, Rome
3. Young Achiever Award	● SudhanshuJangir, Head- India Operations, Axereal Group, France	16. Commodity Business Award	● Mr. Vijay Sardana, Global Expert on Food Business and Commodities
4. Women Leadership Award	● Dr. VibhaDhawan, Executive Director – TERI and Vice Chancellor, TERI University	17. Special Achievements Award	● Dr. Gurbachan Singh, Chairman, ASRB
5. Research Leadership Award	● Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research, Lucknow	18. Program Leadership Award	● Department of Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu
6. Academic Leadership Award	● Bihar Agriculture University, Sabhour	19. Best Agriculture District Award	● LakhimpurKheri, Uttar Pradesh
7. Development Leadership Award	● Dr. SK Malhotra, Agriculture Commissioner, GOI	20. Best Fisheries State Award	● The State of Chhattisgarh
8. Entrepreneur Leadership Award	● Tropical Agro Systems India Private Limited, Chennai	21. Best Animal Husbandry State	The State of Punjab
9. Livelihood Leadership Award	● Sehgal Foundation, Gurgaon	22. Best Horticulture State Award	The State of Haryana
10. Agribusiness Leadership Award	● Pepsico India Holdings P. Limited	23. Best Agriculture State Award	The State of Odisha
11. CSR Leadership Award	● Tata Consultancy Services	24. Life Time Achievements Award	Sh. Ratan Tata, Chairman, Tata Group
12. Industry Leadership Award	● DuPont India Private Limited	25. Policy Leadership Award	Sh. Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Chief Minister, Madhya Pradesh
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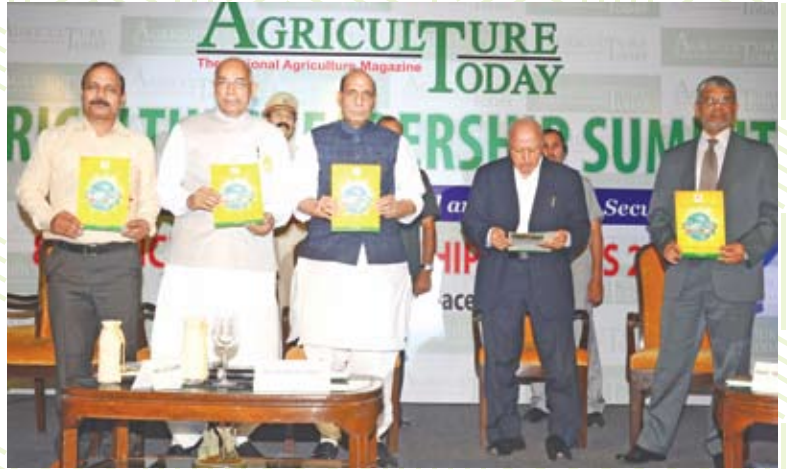
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- Linking farms with markets and adding value at each stage will help in employment generation, entrepreneurship development, increased profits to farmers and safe and healthy food to consumers. Investments in food processing sector have multiplying benefits for all, and hence a major boost by policy and resources allocation need to be given to the processing sector. Incentives through appropriate tax structure should be such that agro-processing, especially in the rural areas, becomes a lucrative option both for the farmers and the private sector.
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2. International Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alphonsus Stoelinga, Ambassador of Netherlands to India 	12. Industry Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jain Irrigation Systems Limited
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7. Research Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dr. KM Bujarbaruah, Vice Chancellor, Assam Agriculture University 	17. Best Horticulture State Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State of Karnataka
8. Agribusiness Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Adani Agrifresh Ltd 	18. Cooperative Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anand Milk Cooperative Union (AMUL)
9. Entrepreneur Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management 	19. Program Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Department of Agriculture, Government of Tamil Nadu
10. Banking Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Punjab National Bank 	20. Best Animal Husbandry State Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State of Uttar Pradesh



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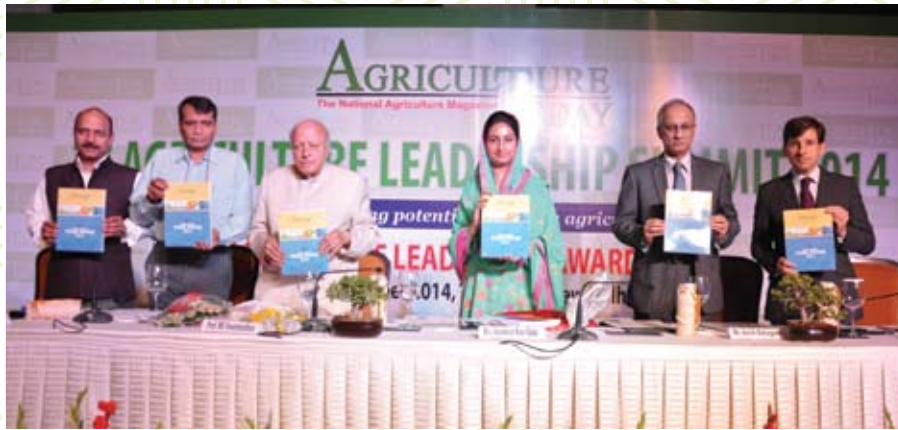
RECOMMENDATIONS

Policy Prioritization and Specific Interventions for Doubling Production and Creating Jobs and in Farm Sector

- As per the UNDP report, investment in agriculture is 3 times more effective in poverty alleviation than any other sector. Therefore the Budgetary allocations to agriculture need to be enhanced to Rs. 60,000 crores, from the current level of Rs. 34,000 crores.
- Agriculture in India has more job creating potential than the Services and the Industry put together. While the jobs creation in the industry and the services sector is done primarily by the industry, in agriculture the Governmental interventions are playing major role. Agro processing at the village level needs to be promoted under entrepreneurship with 50% subsidy to rural youths for setting up basic level processing units under Rs. 2.0 crore sizes.
- A National Mission on Post Harvest Management under the Ministry of FPI with an outlay of Rs. 2000 crores needs to be launched to spread the awareness at the farmers' level towards reducing the wastages through adoption of simple practices or technologies. India wastes farm produce post harvest to the tune of 8% - 22%, which amounts to an estimated value loss of more than Rs. 1.0 lakh crores. With a national expenditure of just two per cent, over 20 per cent reduction in losses could be achieved, giving a 1:10 Cost Benefits Ratio.
- An ambitious Rural Business Hubs model need to be implemented, which will operate on a national platform and establish 2.40 lac multi-functional rural business hubs in all the Gram Panchayats of the country. This will revolutionize the rural economy and creates over 10 million jobs in rural areas and add to an estimated Rs. 2.0 lac crore of additional farm output through increased farm growth, more value addition and improved market linkages.
- Brand India need to be established in food and agriculture. The current level of 44.5 billion USD exports can be doubled in the next 5 years. We need to globally position Indian food and agri produce such as North Eastern region as Organic Zone, Spices of Kerala, Cardamom of Sikkim, Mango of Malihabad, Orange of Nagpur, Kashmiri Apples, Bihari Litchies and Ratnagiri Mangoes Tea of Darjeeling and Nilgiris, Saffron of Kashmir...and so on and promote Geographic Appellation. India needs to establish Commodity Boards for taking the Brand India to global markets. Stake-holders driven Commodity Boards on the pattern of California Walnuts, Washington Apples, Canola Association of Canada or the Australian Wheat Board, American Soybean Association etc. need to be established.
- Creating a cadre of Foreign Agriculture Services and appointing agriculture trade counsellors in all the countries with agri/food trade potential, as is done by US. This will substantially boost agri trade. The Ag Counsellors can be mandated the task of monitoring global prices, demand and supply, trade flows, tariffs and policies on food and agriculture; and facilitate cooperation between India and different countries.

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4. Academic Leadership Award	● National Academy of Agri Research Management	15. Women Leadership Award	● Dr. Indu Sharma Director, Directorate of Wheat Research, Karnal
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Recommendations of 6th Agriculture Leadership Summit

- Government should fund the launch of two dedicated 24 hours TV channels in Hindi and in English and one each in regional languages to empower farmers and rural masses on farming systems, technologies, markets, agribusiness opportunities and rural services. This will catalyse growth in farm sector, open new windows of opportunities and create self-employment in rural areas.
- Political class must come together to declare its total commitment to the farm sector and farmers welfare by doubling allocations to agriculture year after year for next 5 years; implementing MS Swaminathan headed Farmers Commission; bringing agriculture under the concurrent list of the Constitution; declaring Pantnagar Agriculture University as India's 1st International University and compulsory one hour debate in Parliament on farmers issues.
- Creating a Task Force under Planning Commission to launch a National Mission on ICT applications in Agriculture for Extension services; Information and database management and Market connectivity. This will bring about a revolution in farm sector and transform Indian agriculture.
- Linking farms with markets and adding value at each stage will help in employment generation, entrepreneurship development, increased profits to farmers and safe and healthy food to consumers. Investments in food processing sector have multiplying benefits for all, and hence a major boost by policy and resources allocation need to be given to the processing sector. Incentives through appropriate tax structure should be such that agro-processing, especially in the rural areas, becomes a lucrative option both for the farmers and the private sector.
- Increasing agricultural productivity is a key challenge for ensuring national food security. To increase production, exploiting the potential of existing yield gaps offers tremendous opportunity. Hence, a Mission Mode Program on "Bridging the Productivity Gap" with real missionary zeal and effective monitoring is required to be launched with meticulous planning as a matter of priority. For this, existing technology dissemination system needs to be revitalized and tuned to meet the emerging needs of farmers.
- For farmers to realize better prices for their produce, markets need to open up to multiple agencies to engage and compete. Therefore the procurements need to be opened up and movement of food grains to be freed. Agriculture marketing reforms should therefore be carried by states and model mandi laws to be formulated to help farmers find better markets and better prices.

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Key Recommendations of 5th Agriculture Leadership Summit 2012

- The Summit recommended that farmers are the key stake-holders in all the activities relating to agriculture and environment, hence, they should be involved for active participation in all the important activities and policy-making. More so, there is a needed for the society to be sensitised about the importance of agriculture, environment and allied sectors. Efforts should be made on social front that the dignity of farmer is acknowledged and realised and the profession of agriculture must be given its due respect by the society, so that educated unemployed embrace it as career option.

- Post-harvest losses should be reviewed and minimised. The government and the thinkers should analyse and examine the prevailing issues of failures with introspection and then suggest the amelioration in the existing system and working, so that the factors behind the failures are rectified, redressed and removed in the subsequent harvests.

- Better coordination between various agencies connected to agriculture and allied fields is desired. Each agency's role and target should specifically be defined but not without accountability. At the end of the day, it should be crystal clear as to what efforts were made by various agencies, what was achieved and what

more are needed. Public-private partnership has to be increased in all the functioning.

- If there is a country where livestock is important, it is India, hosting 700 million population of livestock and has great socio-economic significance. FAO says, it has many virtues. There are 100 million people who depend on livestock in India as source of income. @5% of agriculture GDP in this country comes from livestock. Where agriculture growth is at 2.5 %, livestock growth is close to 5% and the demand is growing significantly. India is the largest producer of milk and the largest exporter of meat. Poultry average production is higher than World average. However, the fact remains that Agriculture and allied fields like livestock, poultry, fishery, and horticulture are the fields which are managed by small scale farmers and are small scale driven. It was recommended that this entire scenario requires governmental push.

- Media, especially the electronic media, should play an important role for the development of agriculture and allied sectors. The entire society is likely to get back in terms of better produce if adequate support is given to farmer. Motivation, training and counselling can be provided to a large number of farmers across the coun-

try from the contribution of media. It was lamented that the media, especially the electronic media is more focused on portraying pretty faces and projecting insignificant aspects of film actors and cricketers. Whereas, the real core issues affecting the whole nation are not in media's agenda. It was therefore recommended that there should be a desirable shift in the policies of TV channels, in public as well as national interest. Suicides by farmers is a big and serious issue. Whereas, by addressing the factors behind suicides, we as Nation can prevent further suicides.

- Global warming and climate change should be viewed seriously, in case we want the survival of this planet. The Summit warned that 500 million people in South Asia and China are vulnerable to climate change. The Summit prognosticated that if the existing trend is not halted, changes in climate and the high temperature rise that may happen by the end of this century can range from 1.1 degree Celsius to 6.4 degree Celsius. The frequency of the heat wave could increase to once in 20 years to once in two years. Extreme precipitation events in the form of heavy rains and melting of glaciers are getting more frequent and this situation will further deteriorate having severe adverse impact on agriculture and cropping cycles.

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Key Recommendations of 4th Agriculture Leadership Summit 2011

- Given the plenty of schemes, programmes and policies for agriculture, it is required that they are implemented properly. The problem is not lack of policies but lack of proper implementation. Also there is a great need of synergy among the policies. There must be coordination between the state and the central government for the better implementation of the policies.
- Indian agriculture is in need of more medium and micro policies rather than macro policies. Also there is a need of policy integration at the grass root level. The agenda of these policies should be welfare and well being of the farmers. The Agriculture Summit thus recommends that the aim should be increase in the income of farmers rather than the mere increase in the productivity.
- The farmers are the main stakeholder of the agriculture. Thus it is very important that they are included in each and every act of the agriculture from marketing to food processing. They must have a hand in each and every segment of the agri business. It is thus recommended that the farmers are provided with India as a market and not only his locality or the district.
- Given the importance of agriculture in the total Indian economy and large number of engagement of rural population, the need to reintegrate crop based agriculture and live stock animal husbandry practices have been emphasized. The potential of the live stock sector has been grossly underestimated. The summit recommends that special attention is required to promote and develop the live stock sector in India. If given proper attention, this sector can definitely add a lot to the rural economy.
- The horticulture industry in India has a tremendous potential which has often been underestimated. The horticulture industry has not received its due attention in all areas of the country. There is a great scope for this industry in places like the North East. Thus it is recommended that special focus is given to areas like North Eastern states of the country where the horticulture industry can be pushed to great heights with production of exotic fruits like Kiwi.
- The government policies often fail to focus on the small and marginal farmers. The technologies often fail to reach and help them. In the first green revolution too, this category was not taken into consideration. But without the growth of the small and marginal farmers, the overall growth of Indian agriculture cannot be possible. The Agriculture Summit recommended that special policies must be formulated and implemented to help the small and marginal farmers.
- There is an urgent and real need of a Second Green Revolution in the country. However unlike the first green revolution, the second one must focus on the biodiversity conservation too. To achieve the Second Green Revolution, the summit recommended that the all areas of agriculture from live stock to wasteland management to food processing need immediate attention.

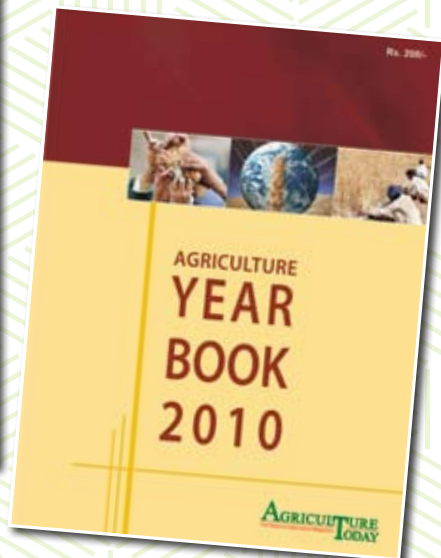
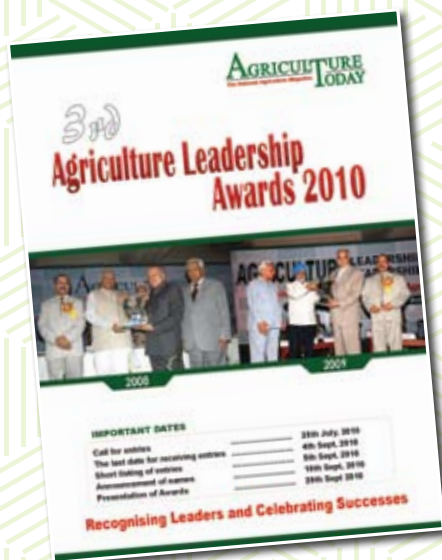
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Key Recommendations of the Leadership Summit

The recently concluded Leadership Summit had the who's who of Indian agriculture, politics and industry coming together on one platform to discuss the present scenario and work out effective solutions for the issues ailing the sector.

- Experts at the 3rd Leadership Summit 2010 felt that three aspects need attention in the present agricultural scenario. Firstly, food security which is a serious concern, secondly climate change, which affects our weather-based, monsoon dependent agriculture and thirdly, the gap between policy formulation and implementation. Agricultural sector is in urgent need of reforms to help drive the economy to a higher growth rate. But, the comprehensive agenda for reforms is yet to be prepared for this crucial sector.
- Agriculture is getting replaced with other more lucrative employment avenues for educated rural youths, which would hamper knowledge based agriculture growth in the years to come. Agriculture has not remained a lucrative profession and youths are no longer interested in it. The share of the agriculture sector has declined and those of the secondary and tertiary sectors in the GDP have increased, but the proportionate shift in population has not taken place, which is creating imbalance. This is a matter of serious concern and needs prompt action.
- Agribusiness in India is in a transition phase. Having sailed through shortage to a surplus economy, it is important that Governments at the Centre and State levels recognize the need for inclusive growth to take agriculture forward in India. For this to happen, information, communication and technology happens to be the effective tools, which have the capacity and power to make a simple farmer an efarmer.
- For agriculture to achieve continued sustainability and for it to become a profitable enterprise, a holistic approach and strong coordination among policy making, industry, scientific bodies, extension agencies and farmers is needed with different sub sectors of agriculture like horticulture, aquaculture, fisheries etc. to unlock their potential.
- Indian agriculture is suffering from soil sickness. Agricultural productivity is going down due to inadequate availability of micronutrients in major parts. Integrated nutrients management needs to be practiced keeping in view the environmental response of every crop. A collective adoption of all these techniques is the key for improving soil health.
- Increasing production and improving storage and the effective distribution of food grains are the topmost call outs for the success of proposed national food security act. There should be a clear demarcation between above poverty line and below poverty line families, to whom the food grains are to be distributed. There should be the provision of panchayat level food banks for proper distribution system.
- Public private partnerships can efficiently serve as mutually beneficial relationships between public and private sector by complimenting each other's strengths. They are an effective way to bridge gaps between demand and resources, quality and accessibility, risk and benefits. For achieving accelerated growth in agriculture, PPP can be the winning concept.
- India can rewrite its success story in agriculture by giving boost to the processing sector. Linking farms with markets and adding value at each stage will help in employment generation, entrepreneurship development, increased profits to farmers and safe and healthy food to consumers. Investments in food processing sector have multiplying benefits for all, and hence a major boost by policy and resources allocation need to be given to the processing sector.

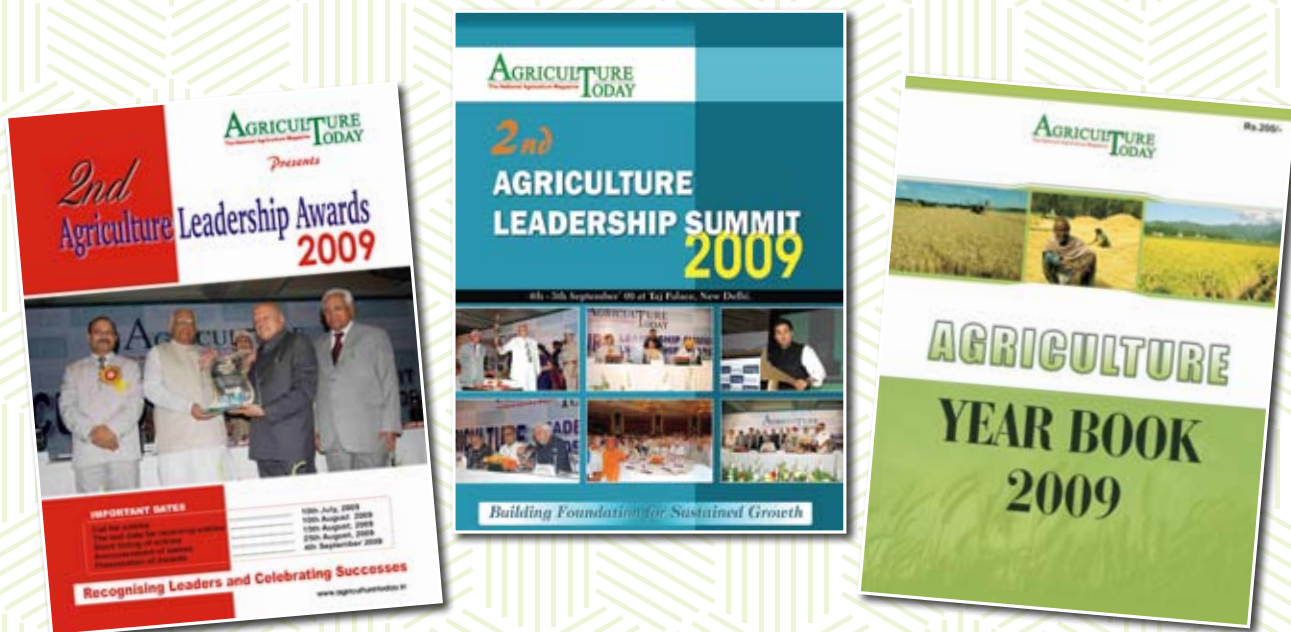
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Key Recommendations of the Leadership Summit 2009

- Given the regularity of the occurrence of drought and flood in some part of the country or the other and the perceptible impact of climate change on agriculture, there is a need for creating institutionalised mechanism to deal with the situation by creating a National Centre for Climate Change and Agriculture, which sensitises and educates various stakeholders in agriculture and coordinates the efforts of all on the subject.
- Agriculture in India, which supports 60% of our population, can be developed into a strong engine for economic growth and social transformation. But, due to neglect, it is unable to harness its true potential. India has all the ingredients for an agro-industrial revolution - man, money and material, but due to absence of entrepreneurship, there is hardly any value added activity at the farm level and 98% of our farm produce is sold in the raw form, leading too much of wastages and depriving the farmer of economic returns. It is therefore recommended that a large scale training and entrepreneurship development programs in farm sector with a funding of Rs. 1,000 crores annually to be launched.
- Post WTO, India is integrated to global markets with its risks and opportunities. Either we make best out of it or we yield the ground to market competition. Indian farmers, agribusiness industry and agro exporters need to be extended needful support for enhancing their competitiveness. There is thus immediate need for India to set up national level WTO Centre on Agriculture, and states level centers by different State Governments to educate farmers and stake-holders on global market scenario and implications of WTO.
- Agro-inputs play a major role in agriculture production.
- There needs to be much focus on seeds sector by giving faster clearances to new biotech products and by creating a Seeds Fund of Rs. 300 crore to give philip to seeds research under PPP model. A National Seed & Biotech Regulatory Authority may also be set up. Similarly for mechanization and for small farm machinery, there should be 50% subsidy for all farmers so that farming operations can be made more efficient. Pesticides, which play the crucial role of crop savior and the usage of which brings farmer a cost benefit ratio of 1:5, are however most neglected, rather discouraged with all sort of taxes. There is need for a more balanced crop protection policy and some incentives to farmers for adopting effective crop protection umbrella.
- There is an urgent need for attention to fertilizer usage, as availability of certain crucial nutrients is going to be a question mark in the years to come. On the other hand with the current usage pattern and pricing policy the subsidy on fertilizers is breaking all records. As per the data available, we are wasting about 30% fertilizers due to poor application. We therefore propose for the launch of the National Soil Health Mission, under which judicious use of fertilizers through advanced application technologies to be promoted by making the entire cultivable land's nutrient profiling.
- There are more than 300 channels in India from film to fashion and from sports to spirituality, but none for agriculture. There must be an exclusive DD channel on agriculture to focus on farmers' issues and technology transfer. This will bring the much needed focus on agriculture as well as create needful awareness among farmers and stake-holders. But, the running of the channel should be in private hand under Government's funding support.

AWARDEES OF AGRICULTURE LEADERSHIP AWARDS 2009

1. Policy Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Balram Jakhar, Governor, Madhya Pradesh 	8. Development Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastindia Foundation • Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited
2. Corporate Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bayer BioScience Pvt. Ltd • Dabur Ayurved Limited 	9. Research Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indian Agricultural Research Institute • Prof. Ram Badan Singh, President, NAAS • Prof. Panjab Singh, Vice Chancellor, BHU
3. Industry Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mahindra & Mahindra Limited • Nuziveedu Seeds Limited 	10. Life Time Achievement Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri Y.C. Nanda, Chairman, Agriculture Finance Corp • Dr. M. Mahadevappa, former Chairman, ASRB
4. Environment Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Energy and Resources Institute 	11. State Agriculture Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State of Maharashtra
5. CSR Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sir Ratan Tata Trust 	12. State Horticulture Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State of Sikkim
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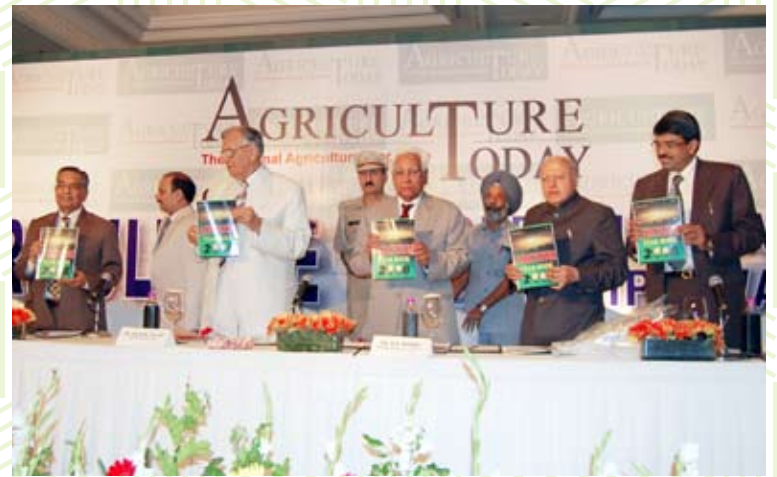
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Key Recommendations of the Leadership Summit 2008

- Indian agriculture has come a long way since the days of "Ship to Mouth" to almost self sufficiency in most of the food grains, despite truant monsoon. But, the sense of pride is missing, as this has been neglected by the Government, media, industry and civil society. The efforts of millions of farmers, researchers, extension workers, NGOs and other stake-holders, who played key roles in the transformation of Indian agriculture, remain largely unrecognized at the national level. Therefore, there is need for the nation to recognize and honor its contributors by giving Bharat Ratna and more Padma Awards to agriculture. This will bring the sense of pride and help develop leadership in farm sector.
- To bring the agriculture agenda to the centre stage of national attention and for agriculture to get its due, there should be two hours time twice a week dedicated to discussions in Parliament on farmers' issues during the Session. Also for a mere 100 millions, who travel by railways, there is separate budget Rail Budget presented in Parliament. For 700 millions dependent upon agriculture, there must be an exclusive agenda, focus and discussion on agriculture by presenting a Separate Budget for Agriculture in Parliament. The Budgetary outlay also needs to be enhanced to Rs. 25,000 crores. Special priority should be placed on setting up of rural infrastructure.
- Structural reforms in agriculture pertaining to land leasing and market restrictions need to be addressed. The market regulation on movement and procurements by private players is hampering market growth and prices realization by farmers. Corporatization of existing mandis/mandi boards and leaving the role of regulation to government would help in overcoming many difficulties faced in marketing of agricultural produce today. Moreover, this separation of conflicting roles would go a long way in attracting investments to modernize the agricultural supply chain. Similarly, due to land leasing policies of State Governments the concept of contract farming is not successful. The experiments of contract farming are based on "win all", bringing value to all partners in operations. This needs to be encouraged on a large scale, especially when industry is gearing up to involve in agriculture on a large scale.
- Positioning Indian agriculture globally in the wake of globalization and leading the pack of developing countries, India can assist them through cooperation in agriculture. India can assist developing and under-developed countries by providing help in research, extension, education and institution building and thus earn money and also goodwill.
- States profiling of crops and animal resources needs to be done, indexing them against national and global benchmarks on cost, quality and productivity parameters, and their short, medium and long term strategic advantages. Based on this national indexing and estimation of market demands in short, medium and long terms national farm resource utilization planning needs to be done, using a mix of incentives and dis-incentives. If India has to succeed in global market on a long term basis, this task is unavoidable.

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2. Life Time Achievements Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. KL Chadha, Father of Horticulture Revolution Dr. RS Paroda, Chairman, TAAS and former DG ICAR Dr. V. Kurien, Father of White Revolution
3. Industry Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mahyco Monsanto Biotechnology Ltd. Jain irrigation Systems Limited
4. Farming Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sh. Sharad Joshi, MP and President, Shetkari Sangathan Sh. MS Grewal, Member, CACP
5. Research Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. VL Chopra, Member, Planning Commission Dr. EA Siddiq, Father of Hybrid Rice
6. Development Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NABARD
7. State Leadership Award	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of Andhra Pradesh





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