



# National Web Conference: Vegetable Farmers Forum, 2020

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Focal Theme

**Vegetable Farmers Forum: Post Lockdown with  
Particular Emphasis on Plant Protection**

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किसानों का हमसफर  
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Modern India as a Nation has come a long way from a state of 'begging bowl' to a 'surplus economy' aided by green-, white-, blue- and yellow- revolutions. Though, we moved forward on the path of progress, much faster in industrial and digital information communication sectors, the agriculture growth in terms of its contribution to GDP is diminishing, and there is no room for complacency. In food, feed and fodder – though we attained self-sufficiency, quantitatively, the qualitative aspects are to be reflected appropriately. In this context, the millions of malnourished women and children of country, remind us to set our goals and priorities once again. The global pandemic corona has made the situation more complicated. The silver lining of the cloud is some innovative concepts, such as formation of a Vegetable Farmers Forum, from IARI RS Pune. Though with recent amendment to the Essential Commodities Act, under which veggies like onion, and potatoes are to be removed from the list of essential commodities, still tomato, potato and onion are essential items in our vegetable basket and dishes daily. There are 14 crore families, and 140 crore consumers in the country. While India has become surplus in most agri-commodities, farmers often fail to get reasonable prices due to poor farm-infrastructures such as cold storage, processing, and export. Farmers get victimized when there is bumper production, particularly for perishable commodities. Being daily essential commodities, potato petrifies us, onion tears and tomato torments/ tortures both farmers and consumers, when its cultivation or price in market fluctuates, affecting the common men mostly. Recent news capsules in various print and social media, on mysterious virus attacking tomato, in Maharashtra belt, has created curiosity and panic in the same state and erstwhile in India. The platform intends to address all such current and persistent crises in Indian context. In this way, our agricultural science is shaping and touching the common man's life is, in particular the vegetable farming, the chosen theme of this National Web-conference is quite appropriate.

In order to encourage better public-perception and effective student-scientist interaction, we invite all the scientific communities across the country for their active participation. The TWO days online conference constitutes invited lectures by eminent speakers, key speakers, contributed oral/ posters from scientists & students, from forward farmers even. Additionally, agri-preneurs and allied agri-stakeholders are invited to share a common platform with an opportunity to exchange their ideas, views and solutions to the current crises/issues in vegetable farming. Competitive award session in plenary, is planned to promote young scientists, entrepreneurs, farmers and children, thus involving and indulging all in interactive deliberation, special attraction being the cultural cum motivational event in place of cultural evening by little children.

A Bollywood hit, **नन्ना मुन्ना राहि हूँ, देश का सिपाही हूँ** (Nanha Munna Raahi Hoon, Desh Ka Sipaahee Hoon), that reflects the future role of 'Youngistan' in building the Nation, inspires us to devote a Special Session for the Young and 'Little Intellectual Minds' with an aim to inculcate value-added -education orientation. In disguise of the reality show, of a cultural evening, that normally decorates a National Conference, the DIIL (Domain for Imaginative & Intellectual Littles, New Delhi) will present a cultural cum motivational session with little kids, to the delight of all delegates. We propose to involve actively the Delhi, Mumbai and Pune-based schools in this motivational module.

## Technical Sessions

- The Inaugural Session
- Farmers First - The Experience Sharing Session.
- The Online Oral / e-Poster Session (Lead and Key talks included)
  - Vegetable farming - production science
  - Vegetable farming - protection science
  - Vegetable farming - post harvest management
  - Vegetable farming - marketing strategies
  - Vegetable farming - socio-economic sector
- Virtual Tour to Few Vegetable Farms/Functionaries across the country.
- Cultural-cum-motivational Session: Children and students interaction inclusive.
- Plenary & Concluding the Conference: Emerging Recommendations.



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Online Abstract submission for oral/poster presentation 22 June 2020 (7pm).

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