

Action taken report for Live Webcast of Hon'ble Prime Minister's address to Farmers, Agricultural Scientists and other Stakeholders in Krishi Unnati mela on 17th March,2018.

The particulars of the programme given below:

1. **Number of student participants:** 65
2. **Number of Faculty participants:** 8
3. **Number of staff participants:** 6
4. **Venue:**ATIC Hall, College of Fisheries, CAU, Lembucherra
5. **Programme:** As per direction of the University, live webcast of Hon'ble Prime Minister's address to Farmers, Agricultural Scientists and other Stakeholders in Krishi Unnati mela on 17th March, 2018 programme was organized at ATIC Hall of the College of Fisheries, Lembucharra.

Addressing during Krishi Unnati Mela 2018, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi appealed to farmers not to burn crop residues so as to curb pollution. Besides, he asked farmers to grow more oilseeds to reduce dependence on import of cooking oil as also to cut urea consumption at least half before 2022. In the Union Budget 2018-19, the government took a decision to ensure right prices to farmers for their produce, he said. It has decided that for all notified crops, MSP will be at least one and a half times the cost, Modi said. Many people are "spreading confusion and creating atmosphere of despair" regarding the government's MSP decision, he said while sharing the detail of components to be considered while determining the cost of production for fixing the support price. Stating that the government is working to strengthen agri-marketing in a big way, Modi said the efforts are being made to link rural mandis to APMC wholesale markets to global market to enhance farmers income. In the recent Budget, Grameen Retail Agriculture Markets have been envisaged. 22,000 rural haats will be upgraded with necessary infrastructure, and integrated with APMC and the e-NAM platform, he said. Farmers can market their produce in a better way through Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs), which has been exempted from income tax, on the lines of cooperative societies, in the Budget, he added. On the recently launched e-marketing portal for organic products, he said this platform is a new chapter in agri-marketing reform. This will be a huge benefit

to farmers. To reduce input costs, the government has taken various steps like soil health card and neem coating of urea besides completing pending irrigation projects with an outlay of Rs 80,000 crore. Stating that the farm sector is facing challenges affecting farmers income, he said, the government is working with a holistic approach to deal with these challenges and is committed to double farmers income by 2022 and making their lives easier. He pitched for beekeeping, solar farming, organic farming, bamboo cultivation and biowaste management to supplement income and also appealed farmers to stop crop burning by adopting farm machineries. For the farmers' welfare, he said that the centre has framed many model acts and urged the states to implement them. He inaugurated the Jaivik Kheti (organic farming) portal and laid the foundation stone of 25 KVKs (Krishi Vigyan Kendras) taking the total centers to approximately 700 in India. He also conferred the Krishi Karman Award and PanditDeen Dayal Upadhaya Krishi Vigyan Protsahan Puruskar. More than 800 stalls were set up by the central and state governments and various other organizations in this fair. The fair was to showcase ways to enhance farmers' income through theme pavilions like micro irrigation, neem-coated urea, soil check/health card, reducing input costs through less use of fertilizer, effectiveness of crop insurance scheme and new dimensions of income generation such as animal husbandry, bee keeping and poultry farming.

6. Programme Coordinators: Dr. P.Pal