Agriculture Summit 2014

Punjab Government under its campaign for Progressive Punjab is delighted to announce Agriculture Summit 2014 at Fateh Burj, Baba Banda Singh Bahadur War Memorial, Chappar Chiri, Mohali, near Chandigarh from 16 to 19th February, 2014.

Background

Punjab has achieved an outstanding growth in agriculture, particularly rice and wheat and has been a major contributor to the national food security. Of-late problems of over exploitation of natural resources of soil and water have emerged and are a cause of serious concern. There is a decline in the real farm income and near stagnation in agricultural growth. As such a policy frame work which improves productivity, profitability and sustainability of farming is the only way forward to accelerate the growth.

The Agriculture Summit is being organized to catalyze this process of improving the sustainability and economic viability of farming. It is an Agro-Technology and Business event to transform Agriculture from sustainable to profitable, localized to globalized and production driven to market driven. It is expected that more than 300 reputed National and International Companies/Exhibitors will participate in the event under exclusive industry and sector specific pavilions and more than 1 lac visitors comprising of farmers, entrepreneurs, researchers, faculty, students and other stakeholders from across the country shall visit the event and attend the Technical Sessions and Farmers Summit. The Progressive Punjab agriculture Summit 2014 would also showcase the latest innovations and new technologies and would after opportunity to do business and interact and network with farmers, Puss and entrepreneurs form various countries & states.

Programme

The 4-day Summit is being organized which will start with a Kissan Sammelan on 16th February wherein all the stakeholders in the process of agricultural development shall
participate and lay down the agenda for discussion. This will be followed by a one-day seminar on Punjab Agriculture: Challenges and Way forward wherein there will be sharing of current experiences and emerging opportunities about the issue. This will be followed by two days of specific technical sessions wherein the stakeholders shall discuss different aspects of agricultural development process on identified key areas.

An exhibition showcasing the latest technologies in agriculture will be put up wherein global exhibitors from Israel, Italy, Denmark, Netherlands, U.K., Canada etc., in addition to those from the country shall display their exhibits/technologies.

**Tentative Schedule**

**16th February 2014**

Kissan Sammelans 11.00 am to 3.00 pm

Opening of Exhibition 4.00 pm

**17th to 18th February 2014**

Technical Sessions on select topics

**19th February 2014**

Valedictory and Presentation of Awards 12.30 pm to 1.30 pm

**Key Technical Sessions**

The major topics to be discussed at the Summit include:

- *Punjab Agriculture: Challenges and Opportunities:*
- *Biotechnology in Agriculture:*
- *Opportunities in Subsidiary Agriculture*
- *Food & Agricultural Processing Policy and Investments*
- *Agricultural Marketing and Risk Management*
- *Dairy Farming: A Viable Option*
- *Hi-Tech Agriculture*
- *Advances in Farm Mechanization*

**Participation**

The Participants of the Summit shall include the farmers, researchers, extension workers, the policy planners, the administrators, the agri-business men, agro-industries and food processing industries.