

Workshop to Address Food Losses & Waste Prevention Begins at NASC Complex

The Indian Council of Agriculture Research together with the Thünen Institute, Germany is organizing an International Workshop on Food Loss and Waste Prevention in South Asian Region at NASC Complex, New Delhi from October 30 to November 1, 2023.

Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shobha Karandlaje inaugurated the 3-day workshop today in the presence of Secretary, DARE – DG (ICAR), Dr. Himanshu Pathak & Research Director, Thünen Institute, Germany, Stefan Lange.

Delegates from industry, ICAR institutes, Agricultural Universities, Government agencies like Food Corporation of India (FCI), Central Warehousing Corporation, IIT, IGNOU, etc. attended the workshop.

The main objective of the workshop is to address global problems like Assessment and Impact of Postharvest Losses & Food Waste; Prevention of Postharvest Losses in Supply Chain; Prevention of Food Waste in Households & Community Activities and Role of Food Bank Networks & Circular Economy.

Stakeholders from various South Asian nations including India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Nepal, Maldives, etc. will participate in this workshop. They will hold discussions on the impact of Food Loss & Waste on the economy, environment, and society in the South Asian Region and shared knowledge and expertise on methodologies to measure and evaluate food loss and waste. In addition, knowledge on technologies, approaches, and strategies to stop food loss and waste will be shared along with success stories & case studies from various countries in the region.

The workshop will have presentations from stakeholders not just from South Asian nations but also from Germany, US & UN organizations.

Moreover, panel discussions will be held on various issues and available solutions followed by visits to some organizations that have successfully addressed the problem of post-harvest losses & food wastage globally.