

9th Agrochemical Conference

The 9th Agrochemical Conference held on 1st December, 2020, with the theme “Role of Agrochemicals: Achieving vision of \$5 Trillion economy by 2025” was organized jointly by FICCI & Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals, Govt. of India. During Technical Session on ‘Role of Water and Agrochemicals in envisioning a globally competitive, modern, sustainable and inclusive Indian Agriculture Industry’ Managing Director, SFAC, Smt. Neelkamal Darbari delivered Special Address that India supports 17% of the world’s population on just 2.4% of its geographical area and therefore, conscious for sustainable agricultural development. Agriculture continues to be a vital component of India’s economy and is the fourth largest in the world. With the rise in commercial agriculture, the industry not only faces sector-specific challenges but also challenges from the awareness and regulatory framework landscape. Water use or productivity and agrochemicals play a key role envisioning a globally competitive, modern, sustainable & inclusive Indian Agriculture Industry. Attracting foreign investments in the agrochemicals for its production and increased availability of better molecules to Indian farmers, may also establish operations for export manufacturing. Reducing crop losses in the production cycle of crops due to Biotic (such as insects, pests etc.) and non-biotic causes (such as draught, flood etc.) is imperative to help farmers save crop loss and making farming sustainable. Technology and infrastructure in the future will bring considerable changes to the operating context of tomorrow's consumer and farmer. Affordability to adapt advanced solutions will create high-quality, low-cost solutions be exported to geographies like Africa. Government is committed to “Doubling the Farmers income” by the year 2022 and is fully dedicated to make growth of farmers an important mission for nation. With the vision of government of Atmanirbhar Bharat and the aim to help farmers, SFAC focuses on increasing incomes of small and marginal farmers through aggregation and development of agribusiness. SFAC has pioneered the formation and growth of Farmer Producer Organizations/Farmer Producer Companies, which are now being implemented across the length and breadth of the country. It is emphasized that all stakeholders have to join together for FPOs in preparation and execution of Business Plans for long-term sustainability and also require assisting them in input management, adoption of proper and good agricultural practices through knowledge sharing and supply chain development and marketing and market linkages with buyers/processors/exporters, trading, export etc.