

Capacity-building programme to help researchers, analysts in agricultural trade

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The Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), a New Delhi-based think-tank, in collaboration with Pondicherry University and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) recently organised a two-day capacity-building programme to acquaint young researchers and policy analysts in the areas of agricultural trade.

The programme was attended by about 30 scholars from India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in the BIMSTEC region, the University said in a press release. The programme aimed at highlighting the contemporary challenges in the global, regional and local agriculture sectors



Rudrendra Tandon, Additional Secretary, MEA, with Gurmeet Singh, Pondicherry University Vice-Chancellor, at the book release during a capacity-building programme held recently.

with emphasis on the practical training sessions.

Inaugurating the programme, V. Geethalakshmi, Vice-Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, focused on the issue of climate change in agriculture sector and how trade can help in adopting climate-smart agriculture.

Rudrendra Tandon, Additional Secretary, Ministry

of External Affairs (MEA), highlighted the importance of trade facilitation and investment to boost the agriculture trade in the BIMSTEC region.

"BIMSTEC is a ready-made machinery for policy action at the regional-level", he said.

Pondicherry University Vice-Chancellor Gurmeet Singh expressed his views

on the global agriculture scenario and India's role in the world economy through G-20. S.K. Mohanty, RIS, New Delhi, noted how the rise of middle-income groups in several developing countries was posing the issue of nutritional challenges, in addition to the challenges of livelihood security amidst trade surplus.

Collaborative research

Mamata Pradhan, IFPRI, emphasised the importance of collaborative research, capacity partnership and policy engagement as the main pillar for the capacity building programme. Pankhuri Gaur, RIS also spoke. The dignitaries released a book on "BIMSTEC: Mapping Sub-Regionalism in Asia".



Pondy univ commences online admission for 5-yr PG courses

Pondicherry University has commenced online admission into various five-year integrated postgraduate courses for the academic year 2023-24. The last date to apply is March 12, said a release from the university. Admissions will be based on the marks scored in the common universities entrance test (Cuet UG) 2023 held by National testing agency (NTA). They can apply for Cuet 2023 online by visiting <https://cuet.samarth.ac.in/>. The candidates are advised to check the website of NTA at <https://cuet.samarth.ac.in/> for latest updates.