Chairman, PNASF Speaks

In the last millennium the rural agriculture played its dominant role with about 80 percent of the population living and about 75-80 percent of them engaged in agriculture in the rural areas of the developing world. In the coming years of the new millennium the urban population is expected to surpass rural population creating an environment of 'transformation in agriculture' which will challenge the existing rural agriculture and provide an opportunity to urban and peri-urban agriculture. It is time to accept the upcoming transformation and



the challenge to agriculture for the betterment of human kind. In India, the focused agriculture and rural development programmes did not yield acceptable GDP growth in agriculture during the first quarter of the year, questioning strategies and implementation of the programme.

The new millennium has brought about better prospects but serious challenges to the teeming population. One of the serious challenges is the significant growth rate of the population coupled with the progressive migration of the people from rural to urban areas in search of better opportunities, better life –style, better opportunity for investments, business and others. An overwhelming 97.5 percent of the increase in population is expected to occur in the developing world. Asia is expected to experience the largest increase of 1.1 billion and one-third of it is expected in China and India.

Much of the population growth is expected to take place in the cities of the developing world. By 2020, about 52 per cent of the developing world's population will be living in the urban areas, up from 38 per cent in 1995. Over time the image of urban and peri-urban agriculture is evolving into that of accepted and needed activities to be integrated in the urban and peri-urban environment management plan, and therefore suspending the temporary and crisis oriented image of the past. In view of the reality and critical role of Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture (UPA), there is a pressing need to address various issues associated with urban and peri-urban agriculture viz., land tenure, water availability, protection of environment and high quality produce.

In order to avoid the expected crisis of demand for everything in the future mega cities, a timely role and action in urban and peri-urban development is very much required jointly by the Ministry of Urban Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Horticulture and related departments and municipalities.

At the global level, the FAO has taken timely action in creating awareness of urban and peri-urban agriculture among the member nations and in initiating the global programme on it.

We are appreciative of the FAO in holding the first International Workshop jointly with the PNASF on Institutional and Technical Capacity Building on Urban and Peri - urban Agriculture for the Asian countries in Bangalore during June 29 to July 02, 2005.

(Prem Nath)

EVENTS

International Workshop on Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture

The International workshop on Urban and Periurban Agriculture for Asian countries was jointly organized by the Prem Nath Agricultural Science Foundation (PNASF), Bangalore, India and the Horticultural Crops Group, Plant Protection Division of the Food and Agricultural Organization of United Nations (FAO-UN), Rome at Hotel The Chancery, Bangalore, India from 29th June to 2nd July, 2005. This first international workshop was organized as a part of a series of regional and international workshop implemented in the context of the project FNOP/INT/001/NOR which aims to strengthen national capacity on policy and strategy for Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture (UPA) development and to consolidate regional co-operation.

The specific objectives of the workshop were;

- Review the ongoing programmes and projects related to UPA in Asia
- Discuss related policy, planning and marketing issues
- Access cost effective technologies for sustainable development of UPA.

Twenty-one delegates sponsored by FAO from seven countries viz., Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Laos PDR, India, Nepal and Vietnam and forty delegates sponsored by PNASF, Bangalore from India i.e from Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh participated in the workshop which had the representation of senior scientists, senior level policy makers from governments, technocrats, developmental functionaries from government and non-government organizations, representatives from private and other stake holders of UPA and students. These delegates were invited more specifically to share their experiences, determine the need and means for regional co-operation in the field of UPA in Asia and elaborate a frame work for action to strengthen and to co-ordinate an integrated approach towards sustainable UPA.

The workshop was inaugurated by Shri R. Srinivas, Honourable Minister of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka on 29th June, 2005. Addressing the delegates, Shri Srinivas said that until now the

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Mr. R. Srinivas, Hon'ble Minister of Horticulture inaugurating the workshop by lighting the lamp.



Mr. W.O. Baudoin, Mr. R. Srinivas, Dr. Prem Nath and Mr. Abhay Prakash on the dias during inaugural session

Government of India's agricultural policies have been mainly focused on rural agriculture to achieve self-sufficiency in food and nutrition security and felt that, before the urban population exceeds that of rural, we should shift attention towards UPA planning and developmental activities.

Mr. W.O. Baudoin, FAO consultant in his theme presentation briefed about the scope and expected outputs of the workshop and reiterated that the success and sustainability of UPA interventions require national commitment and municipal ownership with the participation of a series of stake holders both from the public and private sectors and this commitment should ultimately result in the integrations of UPA in the city development plans. He further informed that the primary output of the workshop would result into a frame work for action for Asia through a participatory process and launching of an information portal to facilitate access to the exchange of information on UPA in Asia.



Dr. Prem Nath delivering the keynote address

Delivering his key note address, Dr. Prem Nath, Chairman, PNASF, Bangalore emphasized that the rapid urbanization and food preferences in the developing world, and, associated changes in lifestyles will have significant bearing on demand, increased pressure on land, demand for water, energy and great stress on environment to keep pace with developments. In this context, Dr. Prem Nath urged the policy makers and others to examine the upcoming scenario, formulate appropriate policy, develop strategy and planning towards overall urban development satisfying the partnership approach among all stake holders and called upon a timely role and action by the Ministries of Urban Development and Municipalities, Agriculture and Horticulture, Water Development, Energy and Environment and others.

The Guest of Honour, Mr. Abhay Prakash, Additional Chief Secretary and Development Commissioner, Government of Karnataka appreciated the efforts of FAO and the PNASF in organizing this workshop and thanked for choosing Bangalore as their first venue for this workshop and assured all the possible co-operation from the State of Karnataka.

Felicitations

In the beginning Dr. O.P. Dutta extended warm welcome to the Chief Guest and the dignitaries. The entire function was coordinated by Smt. Shyamla Nath, the Trustee of PNASF.

Following the inaugural presentations the participants were benefitted from the thematic lectures presented by senior experienced scientists, technocrats, development functionaries and subject matter



A view of the delegates of the workshop

specialists from India. All the participating countries made their country presentations on the status of UPA and strategies for UPA. Through ad-hoc working sessions the participants discussed and deliberated on the multidimensional nature of UPA and felt the need of a multi-disciplinary, multi stake-holders and multi-functional strategy in support of UPA. To become acquainted with the reality of UPA in the city of Bangalore and to learn more about the scope and



The participants in the workshop involved in discussions in cluster groups

Mr. W.O. Baudoin involved in delibarations Mr. P.V. Shenoy in also been

limitations of UPA, field visits were arranged to the sites of important stake holders of UPA on 30th June, 2005. Four organizations viz., Department of Horticulture, Government of Karnataka, HOPCOMS, Bangalore, representing Government sponsored organizations M/s



One of the delegates presenting vote of thanks on the valedictory function. Dr. Prem Nath, Dr. S. Bisalaiah and Mr. W.O. Baudoin are seen on dias.

Namdhari Seeds Pvt. Ltd., and Namdhari Fresh representing the private sectors and Karnataka Compost Development Corporation Ltd., Bangalore representing autonomous body were selected for the visits.



The delegates at the vermi composting unit

Summarizing the deliberations during the three days of the workshop, Dr. S. Bisalaiah, Former Vice-Chancellor, University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore in his valedictory address on 1st July, 2005, pointed out some of the bottlenecks in the development of



Mr. W.O. Baudoin, distributing certificate to a student participant

UPA which need immediate attention viz., unemployment, low income, poverty and environmental degradation and requested the organizers to look into these aspects while developing the strategies for UPA. The **Conclusions and Recommendations** of the three days deliberations of the workshop are:

1. For decision makers

- 1.1. UPA should become a part of agricultural development planning at the country/state/province and city level.
- 1.2. Emphasis should be placed on building awareness and consensus among cross section of the society to implement UPA.
- 1.3. Ensure that UPA is part of the city development planning process, besides housing, roads, recreation, educational and other essential facilities.
- 1.4. The government/municipalities may identify the appropriate authorities/bodies to work out land use planning with specific relevance to UPA. The participation of public and private sectors in this land use planning process needs to be ensured.
- 1.5. Major stakeholders for UPA need to be identified in line with country-specific policies and strong functional linkages among all stakeholders to ensure sustained UPA activities.
- 1.6. The urban development authorities may promulgate law/pass a precedent to ensure a definite percentage (3-5%) of land/ space for implementation of various elements of UPA. This must be made mandatory for all private layouts also.
- 1.7. The government may create an ombudsman agency comprising of representatives from city development authority, land use planning, private sector, public sector, public/ communities and law departments.
- 1.8. The envisaged UPA activities must generate additional employment opportunities for urban/peri urban poor.
- 1.9 The urban development authorities/UPA implementing agencies must ensure green zones (protecting, strengthening, expanding) etc.
- 1.10 The UPA activities may become prospect for eco tourism.

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2. For research

- 2.1 Identify and develop cost effective appropriate/suitable technologies (economically viable, environmentally friendly and sustainable) for their practice in UPA.
- 2.2 Develop effective and efficient extension mechanism to disseminate such appropriate technologies to be taken up by UPA practitioners.
- 2.3 The good agricultural practices specific to urban and peri urban situations need to be identified and applied.
- 2.4 Develop various models for urban horticulture production systems particularly kitchen gardening, terrace garden, container farming, hydroponics etc.

3. For the private sector and NGOs

- 3.1 Become involved in the scientific management and recycling of urban waste and its utilization for strengthening of UPA activities with adequate support and cooperation of the municipal authorities.
- 3.2 Integrate UPA production towards quality labelled produces/ commodities.
- 3.3 To the extent possible, taking advantage of the available labour, the peri-urban agriculture may also be looked into from commercial angles and specifically for niche markets of high value products for local and export markets.
- 3.4 Identification and delineating the role of NGOs needs to be done keeping in mind the advisory services required by the growers, formation and use of groups, towards micro credit.
- 3.5 Appropriate credit facilities including the micro credit may be extended to urban poor.

4. For training and extension

- 4.1 The Human Resource Development component may be added to UPA with the mandate of capacity building programmes/ awareness programmes and special skill trainings for extension personnel, UPA practitioners particularly the urban poor, senior citizens, women and youth.
- 4.2 Quality and safety parameters needed for both food security and export purposes should be integrated in such capacity building programmes.
- 4.3 Fostering the grass root level initiatives through participatory training process must be ensured under UPA.
- 4.4 Various components of UPA may form a part of curriculum at school level to educate and involve children in UPA activities.
- 4.5 The peri urban agriculture may support primary and secondary industries located in the fringe areas of cities in relation to post-harvest handling, distribution and processing.

Agenda for action

Each provincial government may create an apex body as a managerial entity to implement UPA initiatives. Steps to be taken by such an apex body would include:

- Set terms of references for the apex body
- Identify stakeholders as members of such body and set their specific responsibility
- Set guidelines for proper distribution and utilization of water resources
- Develop a logical framework for action
- Create an implementation body comprising of identified stakeholders to implement the framework by UPA
- Ensure availability of quality inputs essential for implementing
- Create marketing network and market channels for UPA produces/products and also develop agricultural market information systems
- Address issues related to gender, ethnic and other social issues that arise while implementing UPA
- Create specific database on UPA both public and private domain.



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INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

Vegetable Science International Network (VEGINET)

The "VEGINET" was formed by the International Conference on Vegetables (ICV-2002) on 13th November, 2002 and launched on 3rd November 2003 by the PNASF, Bangalore hosting the VEGINET Secretariat with the Nomination Committee representing members from different regions of the world.

The Vision

The goal of VEGINET will be to strengthen partnership and interinstitutional cooperation among the member organizations of the vegetable sector towards improved production and utilization of vegetables.

The Objectives

The main objectives of the VEGINET will be to

- Strengthen / promote vegetable research and development by facilitating inter-and intra-regional and inter-institutional cooperation through exchange of scientific, technological and related economic information and in identifying priority areas of cooperative research and development. And, development of regional and interregional projects with specific time frame, objectives and outputs.
- Promote partnership between public and private sector for improving vegetable production.
- Facilitate development of human resource through better education and training.
- Promote improved and sustainable production of vegetables for food to provide nutritional security and economic empowerment of the farming community.
- Develop collaborative network for dissemination of information among the member organizations.
- Facilitate building of a sound and sustainable infrastructure of roads, railways and water transport for perishable produce from farm-to-the-consumer and processor for holistic socio-economic development of the farming community. It must ensure collection of produce from the farms, their safe transport to well equipped food terminals, with facilities for refrigerated storage, grading and packing for marketing and for preventing heavy losses.

Human Resource Development would secure highest priority in the activities of VEGINET by facilitating in building institutional capabilities through short term training as well o through education programs reaching to Doctoral and Post Doctoral fellowships for visiting follows and entrepreneurs from inside and outside the network special emphasis will be given in case of Least Developed countries by way of providing special fellowships for Masters Degrees also. In order to strengthen linkages and build new concepts to help formulate realistic action plans in priority areas of importance to its member countries, the VEGINET would organize consultation workshops and conferences.

The Structure

As a first step, a Nomination Committee (NC) was constituted as given below in the foregoing and the **PNASF**, **Bangalore**, **India** would host the Secretariat. The NC in turn would nominate the Executive Council Members of the VEGINET. This Executive council will develop a constitution for the network.

This broad structure of the VEGINET would be



The Nomination committee

- 1. Dr. Prem Nath Convener (India)
- 2. Dr. W. O. Baudoin Member (FAO)/International Advisor (Italy)
- 3. Dr. M. L. Anothai Choomsai Member (Thailand)
- 4. Dr. O. A. Denton Member (Nigeria)
- 5. Dr. H. A. B. Parpia Member (India)
- 6. Dr. R. K. N. Singh Member (Canada)
- 7. Dr. G. Anais Member (Caribbean)
- 8. Representative from Latin America

The Fund

The financial resources to support various activities of the VEGINET would come from contribution and donations from countries across the globe in the initial stage. The VEGINET would further generate its own financial resources from bilateral and multilateral agencies for developing Strategic plans, and external funding including public and private sectors. In this direction the PNASF, Bangalore, India on behalf of VEGINET appeal to all interested in vegetable research and development to extend their donations and contributions to VEGINET and also appeals to join the network and avail the unique opportunity in the offing.

Membership

The Membership of the VEGINET will be open to both private and public sector organizations actively engaged in Vegetable and related Research & Development, Technology Development, Protection and Processing, Marketing, Planning and Policy formulation and management. The membership fee for various categories of organizations / individuals will be as follows;

- Category A: More than 100 Scientists & Technologists
 Developed Countries
 Life Membership US \$ 5,000.00
 Annual Membership US \$ 2000.00
 Developing Countries
 Life Membership US \$ 2500.00
 Annual Membership US \$ 1000.00
- Category B: 51-100 Scientists & Technologists
 Developed Countries

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Life Membership – US \$ 3,000.00 Annual Membership – US \$ 1000.00

Developing Countries
Life Membership – US \$ 1,500.00
Annual Membership – US \$ 500.00

Category C: Less than 50 Scientists & Technologists
 Developed Countries
 Life Membership – US \$ 1,000.00
 Annual Membership – US \$ 500.00

Developing Countries
Life Membership – US \$ 500.00
Annual Membership – US \$ 250.00

Category D: Individual Associate Members
 Developed Countries (annual)–US \$ 45.00
 Life Members – US \$ 2,000.00
 Developing Countries (annual) –US \$ 30.00
 Life Members – US \$ 400.00

Category E: Patron US \$ 10,000.00 and above

Activities undertaken: VEGINET

The PNASF, Bangalore, India, continues to host the VEGINET secretariat, which drafted the constitution, received the comments of the NC members, got them printed and circulated to all the countries, professional bodies and individuals to express their willingness to participate

Progress made

While number of institutions and countries continue to show interest in the VEGINET, about 50 institutions, countries and individuals have already registered as members and associate members and another 40 are keen to register. As per the Bangalore Declaration of ICV-2002, the next International Conference on Vegetables (ICV-2007) would be organized by VEGINET jointly with the Host institution and the PNASF, Bangalore in August 2007 in Brazil and the announcement is expected shortly.

INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

SEMINAR

- The key note address was delivered by Dr. Prem Nath in the international workshop
 on 'Institutional and Technical Capacity Building on Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture
 (UPA) in Asia' organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United
 Nations, Rome in conjunction with P.N. Agricultural Science Foundation, Bangalore
 on 29th June, 2005 at Bangalore
- Dr. Prem Nath, Chairman, PNASF Chaired the Technical Session II Country paper presentation on 'Institutional and Technical Capacity Building on Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture (UPA) in Asia' in the international workshop on 29th June, 2005 at Bangalore

PUBLICATIONS

Publications on shelves

Description	India(In Rs.)	Foreign(In US \$)	
Book – Food Security and Vegetables- A Global Perspective (Pages:437) 2004	400.00 + postage extra - PB type 500.00+postage extra – HB type	50.00 including postage for both PB and HB type	
ICV-2002 Proceedings – CD (Pages:931) 2003	250.00 including inland postage	10.00 including foreign postage	
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ICV-2002 Abstract Book-(Pages:445) 2002	600.00 including inland postage	35.00 including foreign postage	
ICV -2002 Souvenir (Pages:124) 2002	575.00 including inland postage	25.00 including foreign postage	

Publication in press

Vegetables-Production and Utilization published by Dr. Prem Nath Agricultural Science Foundation (PNASF), Bangalore, India. (450 +xvi pages)

Comments and Reviews on the book entitled 'Food Security and Vegetables – A Global Perspective

Review by

'The CAB International, Oxon, UK.

This book with 29 chapters highlights the issues and suggests technical measures for food and nutrition security, focusing in particular on the role of vegetables. Studies on nutrition and vegetables are presented. Also included are the experiences gained from initiatives undertaken in some developing countries, with particular reference to programmes and polices on food and nutrition security. The book also highlights the importance of technical cooperation among developing countries.

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PROJECTS

PNASF/IUC TELEFOOD PROJECT

The hi-tech horticultural activities undertaken by the physically and mentally challenged children at Dodaballapur centre, under the guidance of PNASF technical staff and IUC volunteers continued during the year 2004-2005. 125 kg of hybrid seeds of bottle gourd was produced by the children using hand pollination techniques. Children were also given training in fruit curing, seed cleaning, drying and packaging etc. The hybrid seed thus produced was procured by M/s Namdhari Seeds Pvt. Ltd., and genetic and physical purity were tested. The test results revealed that the hybrid seeds produced by the children was of international standards, which fetched a gross income of Rs. 56,000/- for the benefit of the beneficiaries.

Thus the project activities culminated in the establishment of three dimensional growth model leading to sustainable income generation through hi-tech horticultural techniques, human wellbeing through social symbioses and healthy environment through linkage with natural surroundings.



1. Hand pollination by children; 2. Bottle gourd fruit produced by the children; 3. Bottle gourd fruits cleaned, cured and ready for seed extraction

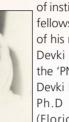
SCHOLARSHIP/GRANT/MEDAL

■ PNASF/UAS/2001

The PNASF Gold Medal was awarded to the Ph.D. student Mr. Heshma Tollah Khosravinia for the highest grade point average at the University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore. The award was presented during the University's 39th Convocation held on 21st March, 2004.

■ PNASF/AHUJA/2001

The PNASF received grants from Dr. K.G. Ahuja, USA, towards promotion of Education and Practice in Floriculture in India in the form



of instituting an award/ fellowship in the name of his mother late Smt. Devki Devi Ahuja and the 'PNASF Fellowship-



Dr. K.G. Ahuja

Devki Devi Ahuja Award' was granted to the Ph.D student Mr. Mukund Shiragur (Floriculture), University of Agricultural Sciences, Bangalore, for his research work on Chrysanthemum for the period of three years (From 2003-04 to 2005-06)

■ PNASF/VELU/2002

The PNASF received grants from Dr. (Mrs.) Sundari Velu, USA, towards promotion of Vegetables in India.

■ PNASF/NRC-SS/2004

PNASF Gold Medal to meritorious young scientists for outstanding research work augmenting food security was granted to Dr. S.K. Malhotra, Senior Scientist, National Research Centre for Seed Spices, Ajmer, Rajasthan, India.

SOCIAL COMMITMENT

Recognition



- The PNASF honoured Padmashree Prof. M. Mahadevappa in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Agricultural Science. The award was presented by the Minister of Horticulture Shri R. Srinivas during the FAO/PNASF International workshop on 'Institutional and technical capacity building on urban and peri-urban agriculture for Asia' on June 29, 2005 at Bangalore
- Canara bank, Vyalikaval branch, Bangalore has supported ICV-2002 and gave banking support to the PNASF and the VEGINET and their activities.

In recognition of the PNASF's contribution to the agricultural science and the society, the Canara Bank honoured Dr. Prem Nath, Chairman, PNASF during 'Canara Bank Customer Meet' on February 15, 2005 at Vyalikaval branch office.



Mr. B. Nagabushan, Senior Manager, addressing. Mr. M.S. Prabhu, Chief Manager, Mr. N. Ramesh, Assistant General Manager and Dr. Prem Nath are also seen

PLANS / OPPORTUNITIES

PLANS

Plans on Hand

While the ongoing activities will continue, the PNASF proposes to undertake new programmes and activities;

- Participation in conferences
 - Assist in the preparation of the International Conference on Vegetables (ICV-2007) slated August, 2007 in Brazilthe announcement to follow.
 - Host the VEGINET Secretariat
 - Participate in upcoming national and international conferences
- Undertake preparation and publication of books relevant to food and nutrition security
 - Undertake preparation and publication of book entitled 'Vegetables-Production and Utilization.

- Awards /grants to university students and researchers to continue
- Collaborate with the national and international institutions/ associations in the area of food and nutrition security etc.,
- Participation of PNASF in (a)Annual Conference of American Society of Horticultural Science 2005 (ASHS 2005), at Las Vegas, USA during July, 2005 (b) International Symposium on Human Health Effects of Fruits and vegetables 2005 (FAVH 2005) at Quebec City, Canada during August, 2005 and (c) 3rd International Cucurbit Symposium (Cucurbit 2005) at Townsville, Australia during September, 2005.
- Presentation of VEGINET to the ASHS 2005 in USA in July, 2005 and to ISHS Cucurbit 2005 in Australia in September, 2005.
- Presentation of ICV-2002 to the ASHS 2005 in USA during July, 2005.

There seem to be but three ways for a nation to acquire wealth. The first is by war, as the Romans did, in plundering their neighbors. This is robbery. The second by commerce, which is generally cheating. The third is by agriculture, the only honest way, wherein man receives a real increase of the seed thrown into the ground, in a kind of continual miracle, wrought by the hand of God is his favor, as reward for his innocent life and his virtuous industry.

- Benjamin Franklin

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Awards/Scholarships

PNASF encourages universities/institutions to institute PNASF Medal Awards for outstanding post-graduate students/young scientists working on research problems augmenting food and nutrition security and invites them to support these activities through funds.

Field Projects

PNASF invites societies/associations/NGOs interested in implementing small rural community projects on self help income generation augmenting food security, for any assistance.

Publications

The PNASF publications are available on price with the Central Secretariat, PNASF. Both perfect bound and hardbound copies of the latest publication 'Food Security and Vegetables – A Global Perspective' are available on sale. Order also be placed through the website www.pnasf.org

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