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Institute of Sugarcane Research to celebrate its diamond jubilee

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The Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research (IISR) will celebrate its diamond jubilee to commemorate its glorious journey of 60 years since its inception on February 16, 1952. The 'National SugarFest' and 'Agro Tech' will be organised from February 16 to 18, 2013, to mark the diamond jubilee celebration in collaboration with the Agriculture Today group.

The Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research was established on February 16, 1952, and it has significantly contributed for a profitable sugarcane production and also for the sustainability of the sugar industry in India. Sugarcane varieties and other agricultural technologies have been widely accepted and appreciated by the farmers, millers and policy makers. 'The IISR Swasthya Vardhak Gur' has gained popularity in Lucknow and other parts of Uttar Pradesh.

Dr A K Sah, a Senior Scientist at the IISR, said that the aim of the events was to showcase the achievements of IISR and disseminate the recent technological advancements in the field of agricultural research and development. The Agro-Tech 2013 convened by the Agriculture Today Group envisaged to hold exhibitions, business meets, topical lectures and technology demonstrations concerning almost

each and every aspect of agriculture in India, especially of Uttar Pradesh.

"With a theme to 'connect with everyone' the National SugarFest-2013 will hold events for farmers, city folks, students, housewives and children so that they could get benefited by their ingenuity and creativity. Exhibits, photographs, display items, miniature models, literature or anything having archival value for sugarcane and sugar sectors are invited for display during the Fest. The best entries would be suitably recorded and fixed in the IISR Sugarcane and Sugar Museum 'Sugarium'. All are invited to be a part of this sweet event," said SAH.

The diamond jubilee celebrations (February 16, 2013) will include a diamond jubilee lecture, felicitation of the former IISR scientists and the inauguration of the KVK building. The National SugarFest (February 17-18) will have competitions for children and students (debate, rangeela drawing competition, collage making, just-a-minute competition, dance competition, collage making, a frog race, a fancy dress competition, seeing and believing, cane chewing etc).

The competitions for housewives and working ladies include innovative food recipes using jaggery, sugarcane and juice.

Other competitions

include musical chair, salad preparation and display, tambola, rangoli with the theme of sugarcane, spoon and marble race, candle lighting competitions and display of items for IISR Sugarcane and Sugar Museum 'Sugarium' which include exhibits, photographs, non-perishable antique items from sugarcane and sugar, miniature models, literature

or anything having archival value for sugarcane and sugar sectors.

The sugar pavilion will include an exhibition of improved technologies for sugarcane and sugar production and agro tourism that include cart-riding, farm visit and FTK awareness. The convener of the programme is the Director of IISR, Dr S Solomon.