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PRESS RELEASE

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Top Indian Scientist to give talk on self sufficiency in food production

Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago... Dr S. Ayyappan, Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) will give a public lecture on how agricultural research and development in India has helped to reduce hunger in that country. The



discourse will share lessons, experiences including strategies which could be useful to Trinidad and Tobago, thus help to reduce our crippling food import bill.

ICAR is one of the world's largest agricultural research institutions dedicated to agricultural research. ICAR was a major driver of the Green Revolution, which in the 1970s doubled food production in many developing countries. India is now self sufficient in food production despite its large population of over 1 billion people and this is largely due to the work of ICAR in the last 40 years.

The media is invited to attend and cover the discourse given by the Dr. S. Ayyappan at the Festival Ballroom, Crowne Plaza, Trinidad on October 17, 2011 at 10:00am.

Dr. Ayyappan and other officials of ICAR are facilitated by the High Commissioner of India to Trinidad and Tobago, His Excellency Malay Mishra. They will be in Trinidad between October 16 and 18, 2011

All members of the general public are invited to attend the lecture. **Admission is free.**

BACKGROUND

The Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI), has signed a Memorandum of Agreement with ICAR in Dominica during the 10th Caribbean Week of Agriculture on October 14, 2011.

The agreement will facilitate scientific exchanges between India and the Caribbean which will allow the region access to scientists from India and also access to the scientific work done by ICAR in India.

One of the first benefits of this new agreement will be a year-long assignment by an Indian Scientist, Dr Avvaru Surjatha, who will be visiting Trinidad and Tobago to look at the problem of the Red Palm Mites which has been severely affecting the production of coconut in Trinidad and Tobago and may other Caribbean countries.

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