

## 'Agri may give big push to \$5 trn economy target

Varanasi: Agriculture can be the biggest contributor to the target of 5 trillion dollar economy set by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, according to agriculture scientist and chancellor of Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University (Jhansi) Prof Panjab Singh. Addressing the inaugural session of three-day international conference on 'sustainable agriculture development in changing global scenario' at BHU on Friday, Prof Singh spoke on challenges faced by agriculture sector in India and stressed on sustainable development. He asked budding scientists to find out solutions to problems concerning agriculture sector. Chairman, NEFORD, Lucknow, Dr RK Singh said the biggest challenge before farmers was to produce more from lesser inputs. "Not only India produces poorly and ineffectively but also consumes most of its production. There is need for efficiency in agriculture, reduced usage of water, electricity and fertilizer along with incorporation of sustainable technology in farmlands to boost productivity," he said. Vice-chancellor of Banda University of Agriculture and Technology Dr US Gautam said agricultural transformation should boost socio-economic growth which would make agriculture the backbone of Indian economy.

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