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1st International Maize Conference 2026 Calls for Higher Productivity, Innovative Breeding and Farmer-Centric Research



HYDERABAD – 3 Nov, 2026 The 1 st International Maize Conference themed “Maize Revolution for Food, Feed, Fodder, Fuel and Sustainability in the Changing World,” (M4FS) commenced at the JD Convention Centre, Hyderabad today, bringing together scientists, policymakers, agricultural institutions and industry stakeholders to discuss strategies for advancing maize research, productivity and value-chain development.

The conference highlighted high-yielding varieties and hybrids, improved nutritional quality, efficient resource utilisation, mechanisation, robust seed systems and maize’s growing role in food, feed, fodder and energy security.

Addressing the conference Secretary, DARE and DG ICAR Dr. M. L. Jat, congratulated the maize research community on India’s maize production reaching approximately 55 million tonnes, accompanied by substantial productivity gains over the past decade. He called for increasing production to 75 million tonnes over the next decade, alongside a further 1.5-fold increase in productivity through technological innovation, improved crop management and efficient resource utilisation.