

# PM to inaugurate AgroVision-2018 in Nov

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The biggest agricultural expo in Central India Agro Vision-2018 would be held at sprawling Reshimbagh ground from November 23 to November 26.

Prime minister Narendra Modi would be invited for the inaugural function of Agro Vision -2018.

He would guide near about 1.5 lakh farmers on this occasion.

Union surface transport and shipping minister who is also the chief promoter of the expo told mediapersons on Saturday that apart from Narendra Modi, chief minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath and chief ministers of Tripura and Assam would also be invited for the inaugural programme.

In the tenth edition of the expo, farmers would be



Union minister Nitin Gadkari addressing mediapersons while MP Kripal Tumane, ZP chairperson Nisha Sawarkar, C D Mayee, Ravindra Boratkar and others look on.

equipped with technical knowledge of farming and workshops and seminars would be held on important topics like cultivation of surgical cotton, marketing and other allied topics.

A day long workshop would be held on bamboo cultivation, dairying, sugarcane cultivation. Near about 500 agro companies, research institutes, government departments, agricultural universities would put up their stalls at the expo. Similarly, three best cattle would be rewarded in the cattle

expo. Start ups and innovators would also put up their products at the expo. An essay competition Krishi Manthan would also be held for students and outstanding farmers would be awarded at the expo, Nitin Gadkari further informed. MP Kripal Tumane, Mallikarjun Reddy, chairman of Agro Vision Advisory Committee, Dr C D Mayee, Girish Gandhi, Ravi Boratkar, Ramesh Mankar and former MP Ashish Jayaswal were also present at the media briefing.

# Grand agro convention centre to come up on 43 acre land: Gadkari

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Union Surface Transport and Shipping Minister Nitin Gadkari said here on Saturday that a grand agro convention centre would come up on sprawling 43 acre land of Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi Vidyapeeth (PDKV) on Amaravati Road.

The convention centre would be constructed on BoT basis, he further said adding, "a proposal in this regard has been sent to the government entailing an urgent meeting with the chief minister Devendra Fadnavis".

The bids for the construction of convention centre would be invited once the

proposal get a green signal from the government, he further said.

The convention centre would be utilised for conducting agro, animal husbandry, dairying, pisciculture and poultry workshops all the year round.

Not only this, the farmers would be able to see new innovations in the agriculture and allied sectors on the premises of the convention centre.

The convention centre would also showcase stall related to agricultural products, implements and equipments.

The convention centre would also be given on rent for private functions to shore up the revenue of the government.

Incidentally, this would be the first of its kind convention centre in the entire country, Nitin Gadkari announced.

The convention centre would benefit the farmers of the region and PDKV would have full ownership rights on the convention centre.

He also informed that daily two to three lakh litre milk is being collected in Vidarbha through Mother Dairy.

A target has been set to take this figure to 25 lakh litres in the next few years.

He also emphasised on the proper training of farmers to protect their crop from the attack of pinl bolloworm, he declared.