

Agro-Vision 2017 to promote bamboo to boost employment

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Nagpur: Agro-Vision Foundation, this year, has added five major sectors to the three-day Agro-Vision exhibition cum workshop event scheduled to be held from November 10 to 13. These include bamboo, water conservation, milk, honey and tourism.

Speaking to reporters about the annual exhibition, Union transport minister and chief patron of the exhibition, Nitin Gadkari said that the event will be inaugurated by Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu and Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis.

The exhibition will be projecting bamboo as an agriculture material that can change the employment scenario of Vidarbha. "We would also use the wastelands created by mining companies like MOIL and WCL," said Gadkari.

C D Mayee, chairman of Agro-Vision advisory committee said, "The event will include 30 workshops on 21 topics which will focus on doubling the income of farmers via agriculture allied activities.

An Agro-Vision app was also launched on which farmer and participants can register themselves.

At present, the state has about 22% irrigation which

needs to be increased to 44%. The state government is preparing plans for Daman Ganga and Tapti river projects.

In a bid to prevent water of these rivers from flowing into the ocean, each project will get funds to the tune of Rs 20,000 crore. While the state will bear 10% cost of the project, 90% cost will be borne by the Centre. The project will start in three months.

The state is also trying to bring in various projects through the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).

The organizers have started a permanent training institute for farmers, engineers and students.