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World Food Day on Oct 16



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The World Food Day will be celebrated on 16th October next with various programmes in Assam, along with the other parts of the world.

The theme of World Food Day, 16 October 2016 is - 'Climate is changing. Food and agriculture must too.'

It may be mentioned that one of the biggest issues related to climate change is food security. The world's poorest - many of whom are farmers, fishers and pastoralists - are being hit hardest by higher temperatures and an increasing frequency in weather-related disasters.

At the same time, the global population is growing steadily and is expected to reach 9.6 billion by 2050. To meet such a heavy demand, agriculture and food systems will need to adapt to the adverse effects of climate change and become more resilient, productive and sustainable. This is the only way that we can ensure the wellbeing of ecosystems and rural populations and reduce emissions.

Growing food in a sustainable way means adopting practices that produce more with less in the same area of land and use natural resources wisely. It also means reducing food losses before the final product or retail stage through a number of initiatives including better harvesting, storage, packing, transport, infrastructure, market mechanisms, as well as institutional and legal frameworks.

This is why our global message for World Food Day 2016 is "Climate is changing. Food and agriculture must too."

Food and Agriculture (/taxonomy/term/2418) Organisation (FAO) is calling on countries to address food and agriculture (/taxonomy/term/2418) in their climate action plans and invest more in rural development.

By strengthening the resilience of smallholder farmers, we can guarantee food security for the planet's increasingly hungry global population also reduce emissions.

The farmers of Assam already experiencing climate change and its impact on their farming practices. In this context, several agricultural scientists and agricultural extension activists already started their research and planning seriously to address this issue.



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