

PRESS RELEASE

Organic World Congress honours Chief Minister for his organic achievement

New Delhi, November 9, 2017: The 19th Organic World Congress honoured Chief Minister Shri Pawan Chamling for making Sikkim the 100 percent organic state in the world. The Chief Minister was invited to attend the 3-day Organic World Congress here today as the Guest of Honour at the India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

The Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare, Shri Radha Mohan Singh handed over the Citation and a shawl to the Chief Minister in presence of Shri Surya Pratap Shahi, Minister for Agriculture, Uttar Pradesh, Mr. Andre Leu, President, IFOAM-Organics International, Shri Devendra Kumar Singh, Chairman APEDA, Smt. Rita Teotia, Secretary, Commerce & Industries, Government of India, Dr. Sujata Goel, President Organic Farming Association of India, Shri Pawan Kumar Agarwal, Chief Executive Office, Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, and a large numbers of delegates from different parts of the world and farmers from across the country.

Recognizing the untiring effort of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the Citation reads, "Pawan Chamling is an inspiration for the whole world that Yes it can be done! Sikkim under the leadership of CM Chamling is a living proof that only ecologically sustainable forms of agriculture will provide a secure future for the farmers around the world." (copy of CITATION enclosed)

The Mayor of Geosan County, South Korea, Mr. Na Yong Chan, also the President of ALGOA (Asian Local Government Organic Agriculture), was present in the function. He held interaction with the Hon'ble Chief Minister. He also met Sikkim delegate who was inspired by the initiatives of the State Government to become 100% organic. He expressed willingness to extend the working relationship in organic initiatives as well as sign an MoU with the Government of Sikkim with the Geosan County.

The Organic World Congress was addressed by the Union Minister, Shri Radha Mohan Singh as Chief Guest, Uttar Pradesh Agriculture Minister Shri Surya Pratap Shahi, President IFOAM-Organics International Mr. Andre Leu, among others.

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