

FARM FOCUS MINISTER REASSERTS COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING ZERO HUNGER GOALS

Govt lures youth to build economy via field work

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New Delhi: As the successive governments in India is working assiduously to shift focus of economy from agriculture to manufacturing like China, of late Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh has launched a scheme to attract youth back to agriculture.

To attract the youth of the country towards agriculture, a project called 'Arya' is being run through Krishi Vigyan Kendras and the Farmer Fest program is also playing a leading role in this direction, Singh said. "The purpose of celebrating World Food Day



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this year is to demonstrate our global commitment to achieving the goal of creating "Zero Hunger World" by

2030," Singh said.

He said that the efforts of farmers and techniques developed by the Indian Coun-

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cil of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have contributed to an increase in agricultural production and food security. As per the fourth advance estimate, foodgrain production is estimated at 284.83 million

tonnes in 2017-18, an increase of over 20 million tonnes as compared to 2013-14.

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Also Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Make in India programme to encourage manufacturing and shift focus on agriculture in the country aiming to improve manufacture sector's share in the economy from the current 11 per cent to closer to China's level of 30 per cent.