

**Launching of the Indigenous Quality stock Culture programme of
Biotech Consortium India Limited**

Biotech Consortium India Limited (BCIL) launched its stock culture programme through a virtual programme- **‘Significance of indigenous quality stock culture for Agriculture Industry and enhancing Farmers income’** on 20.04.2022. The programme was formally launched by the Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Govt. Of India, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra.

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Quality stock culture is the key for the success of plant tissue culture process and producing quality plants. indigenous quality stock culture is of utmost significance or the Agriculture Industry and in enhancing Farmers income. BCIL has now taken up the initiative to provide indigenous quality stock culture. The programme focussed on the importance quality stock culture and significance of cost effective and good quality stock culture from within the country with a view to providing an economical alternative to importing of cultures from abroad. The quality stock culture would ensure quality plants, optimum yield and help in upliftment of the cause of the farming community by enhancing their income and helping in a systematic production process.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Purnima Sharma, MD, BCIL by a welcome address followed by a presentation by Dr. Shiv Kant Shukla, DGM, BCIL highlighting the current status of stock culture and initiatives of BCIL. There was a special address by Dr. Naveen Kumar Patle, Additional Commissioner (Horticulture), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare. Seasoned experts Dr. K Gurumurthi, former Director, IFGTB, Coimbatore and Dr. Vidya Gupta, former chief scientist, CSIR-NCL, Pune also enlightened the audience by their addresses and sharing their valuable experiences.

The new initiative was much appreciated as the need of the hour and very well received by all the participants from the Industry, Academia and all other stakeholders.




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QUALITY STOCK CULTURE PROGRAMME

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A decorative banner for the launch of the Quality Stock Culture Programme by BCIL. The banner features a white background with red curtains on the sides, two golden lamps, and a floral arrangement at the bottom. The text is centered and includes the BCIL logo, the organization's name, the program title, and the date 20.04.2022. A small video call window is visible on the right side of the banner.