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TMA Newsletter



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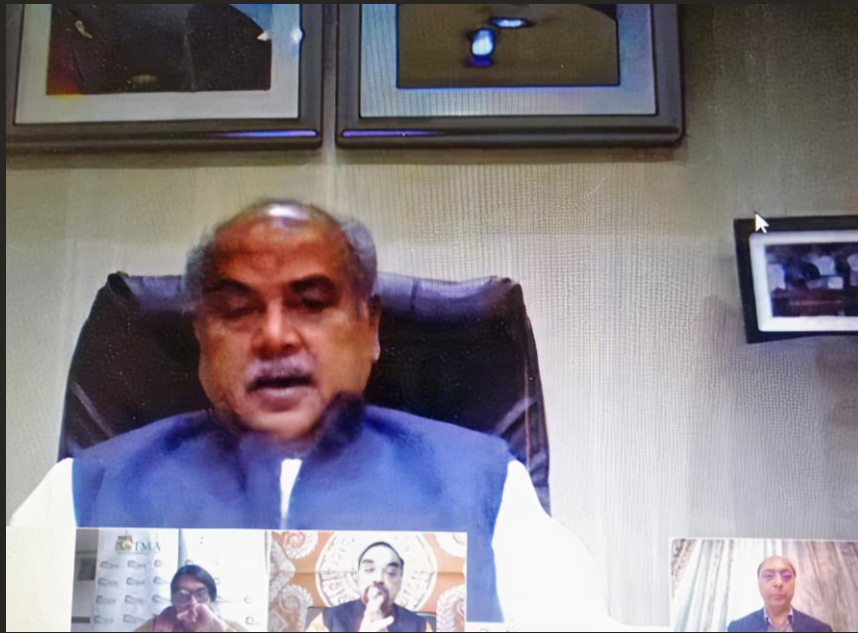
TMA Recommendations



**TMA**

Tractor and Mechanization Association

# growth drivers



Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development, Panchayat Raj and Food Processing Industries, addressed the Annual General Meeting of TMA as the Chief Guest on 21 December 2020.

Highlights of address by Hon'ble Minister:

- Target of the Government is to double mechanization per hectare for agricultural development in 10 years
- Useful resources available to small acreage farmers
- Government emphasis on providing expensive and advanced farm equipment to farmers fields

## **Address by Mr T R Kesavan, President, Tractor and Mechanization Association**

The AtmaNirbhar Krishi initiative has brought about a paradigm shift in the relationship between the farming community, industry stakeholders and the Government which has become a facilitator rather than a regulator. This was most apparent and visible during the worst time of the pandemic. A sensitive and efficient government machinery, navigated the course responsibly, stepping up all engagements related to Indian agriculture, taking care of logistics, procurement and taking extra care to run the "home and hearth" of poor farmers.

The world is witnessing changes along multiple dimensions - new technologies, new business models, new competitors and new challenges. Technology and innovation are key factors if the farm mechanization industry must continue as the engine of growth for the Agriculture sector in India.

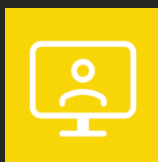
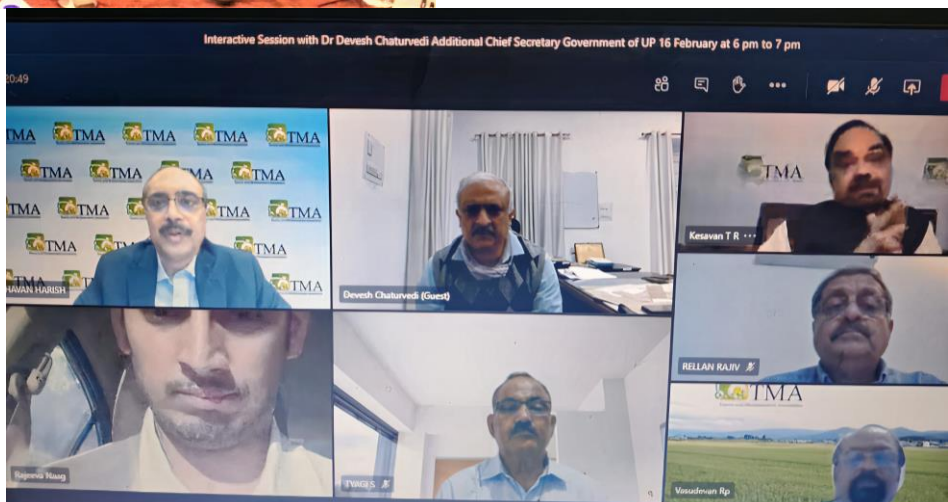
# MEETINGS

## IN FOCUS



Policy roundtable interaction  
TMA members with  
**Thiru Gagandeep Singh Bedi**  
Principal Secretary  
Agriculture Production Commissioner  
Department of Agriculture  
Government of Tamil Nadu

Policy roundtable interaction  
TMA Members with  
**Dr Devesh Chaturvedi**  
Additional Chief Secretary  
Department of Agriculture  
Government of Uttar Pradesh



## VIRTUAL MEETINGS

### Extension of GST dates

Yogendra Garg  
Principal Commissioner  
GST Policy Wing

### Welcoming

Shomita Biswas  
Joint Secretary, M & T Division  
Ministry of Agriculture

### Interaction

Senior Gem Officials  
• Commercial Aspects  
• Technical Aspects



# highlights

Policy Advocacy and Recommendations

## **Representations with GST Authorities for relaxation**

- Documents to facilitate movement of Goods during Lockdown.
- Cut-off dates for utilization and input credits.
- Date extension for completion of GST Audits.

## **Remission of Duties or Taxes on Export Products (RoDTEP)**

- RoDTEP will replace current Export Benefits provided by Government.
- Calibrated rates and representation submitted to the RoDTEP Committee.

## **The Future Emission norms for Agricultural Tractors (the final Gazette notification), GRS 598(E) dated 30th Sep 2020 released**

- Norms for tractors and agricultural equipment were bifurcated into separate categories (from CEV and Auto) in line with MoA's recommendation.
- Postponement of the emission norms applicable for agricultural tractors.
- Bharat (TREM) IV norms for tractors above 50 hp extended to 1 October 2021 Bharat (TREM) V will be effective from 1 April 2024 for all HP tractors. Provision given for 6 months for registration of tractors produced before 30 September 2021.

## **Conversion of AIS (Agricultural Innovation System) to BIS (Bureau of Indian Standards)**

The AISC (Automotive Indian Standard Committee) and ARAI is working along with TMA and other stakeholders for Formulation of testing standards for electric tractors.

# highlights

Policy Advocacy and Recommendations

## **Fuel Efficiency and STAR Rating**

Petroleum Conservation Research Association to develop fuel efficiency norms along with TMA and BEE (Bureau of Energy Efficiency).

## **New Standards Introduction for MPS Testing - IS 12207-2019**

Ministry of Agriculture had extended the date of validity for 2014 version up to 31 December 2020 which is now further postponed till 1st April 2021.

## **Tractor Testing Application Submission - Online Portal**

Ministry of Agriculture has launched the online portal for testing agricultural machinery. This is clubbed with the existing Marketing DBT Portal. TMA has requested for separate login for technical specification. The Ministry of Agriculture and National Informatics centre are working on enhancing and improving the features on the portal.

## **Deliberations on healthy business practices**

Engagement with CRISIL team to explore ways to refine projection of future demand and get insights on crop situation in terms of production, productivity and profitability on periodic basis across states to gauge the possibility of disposable income in hands of farmers.

## **New initiatives**

New Vision and Mission Statement, a dynamic tagline and a new, appealing, interactive and inclusive website to be launched shortly.

# TMA RECOMMENDATIONS



Increasing the production and export while having less dependency on imports. Government support required for enhancing exports



Testing should be limited to only safety and emission which is in line with International and Indian Auto practices. Boosts early introduction of technology in Indian agricultural tractors, equipment and implements



Increase the testing infrastructure across India. The Test centers available in India under DHI (Department of Heavy Industries) within the NATRiP structure should also be permitted to test tractors and equipment



Benefit of subsidy should reach farmers directly through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). Farmers should be given the choice on what to buy under subsidy



Need to introduce "Lend2Rent" as defined under already existing SMAM (Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization) guidelines. These will help the Small and Medium Farmers who are unable to pay rental to acquire services. The State of Madhya Pradesh executed this successfully under the Haldar Scheme