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### MESSAGE

I express my happiness on joining the 2<sup>nd</sup> oldest Agriculture University of India, that has shaped agriculture and farm livelihoods of umpteen numbers of farmers of our state. The University operates through 62 Education, Research and Technology Transfer campuses spread over all the 30 districts of Odisha, across 10 agro-climatic zones. It has 10 constituent colleges, 1 Centre for Post Graduate Studies and 10 Agro Polytechnics under its ambit. During last 54 years of its existence, the University has played pivotal role in producing skilled technical manpower catering to the needs of the state in agriculture and allied sectors. More importantly, it undertakes zone specific research and technology transfer programmes based on the needs and priorities of the farming community. To its credit, the University has developed 147 new crop varieties suitable to different agro-climatic conditions coupled with several production and protection technologies, farming system modules, new breeds of poultry and livestock, new farm implements etc. in the service of the farming community of the state. Thus, the University has helped to attain and sustain agricultural growth trajectory in achieving self sufficiency in majority of crops and enterprises. But sustainability in agricultural productivity and profitability can be ensured through 'informed agriculture'.

In consonance with the mandated activities of this University, OUAT is launching the Dynamic Web Portal that would act as a mirror of the lone farm University. Further, the web portal is made 'clientele responsive' by creating specific windows for farmers, students, faculties and all concerned. Specific technological needs of farmers are also made available in Odia language, at "Farmers' Corner" of the web portal. It has also created scope for provision of institutional domain based e-mail Ids for Senior Officials of this University. In addition, agro-advisory bulletins emanating from 10 Gramin Krishi Mausam Seva units catering to 30 districts of the state are uploaded twice in a week for the benefit of farming community. On top of that, OUAT web portal is in compliance with Guidelines for Indian Govt. Website (GIGW).

I dedicate the OUAT web portal in the service of the farmers of our state, students of this University and all concerned.

  
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