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PM Modi calls for 'per drop, more crop'

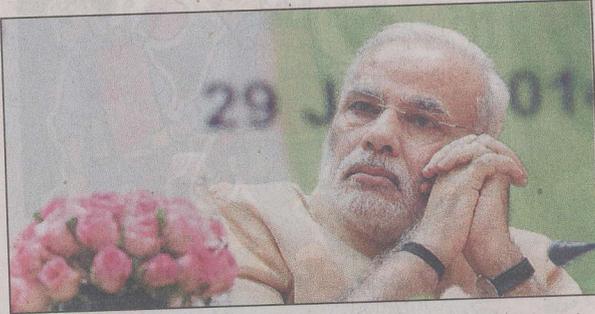
Says Spreading Tech Must, Does Not Elaborate

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New Delhi: Calling for 'lab to land' approach to increase farm productivity, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday asked agricultural scientists to spread technological awareness to farmers in a simple and acceptable manner and make 'per drop, more crop' a mantra to promote farming through optimum utilization of water.

"We have to find ways to produce more on less land and in less time without any quality erosion," Modi said while addressing a gathering of scientists on the occasion of 86th foundation day of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Though he did not elaborate, Modi emphasized the need to increase per hectare productivity by adopting short duration crop varieties. He also called for judicious mix of 'traditional wisdom' and 'new technologies' to improve soil health and



PM Modi at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research event on Tuesday

fertility.

"We will have to strengthen capabilities of farmers so that food security can be ensured for the country and the world along with the enhancement of profits for them. Scientists should win the confidence of farmers so that they adopt their technologies with hope," said the PM.

Referring to water crisis, Modi pitched for efficient use of every drop of water and said, "Per drop, more crop should be our mantra for bet-

ter productivity from each drop of water."

Sensitizing policymakers about making farmers aware of new research, modern farm practices and water conservation methods, Modi said though discussions on impacts of environmental change and global warming in 'five-star hotels' had their own importance, it would be better if such knowledge and outcome of those exchanges reached farmers.

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