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NOTIFICATION

Invitation to Participate in
Grand Challenge-2022
for Development of "Technologies for Primary Processing,
Storage and Valorization of Onion"

Department of Consumer Affairs, Government of India is organizing a **Grand Challenge for Development of "Technologies for Primary Processing, Storage and Valorization of Onion"**. The Challenges has following **four verticals** :

- (a) Improvements in the Designs and Storage Structures,
- (b) Pre-harvesting Stage,
- (c) Primary Processing, and
- (d) Valorization, Value Addition and Utilization of Onion Waste.

Details of the Challenge and each vertical are given on the Website www.doca.gov.in/goc under Downloaded Section.

Students (UG/PG/Diploma), Research Scholars and Faculty of IGNOU having interest in this area are invited to participate in the Challenge. The Challenge is being rolled out in the following **three stages** :

- (1) Ideation to Proof of Concept Stage,
- (2) Proof of Concept to Product Stage, and
- (3) Field Implementation.

Interested participants can register using the Registration Link given on the Website www.doca.gov.in/goc.

There will be evaluation of Ideas, Technology Solutions at the three stages by a High Level Committee comprising eminent Experts. Also, there is **Prize Money** for the shortlisted participants and winners at each stage. Further, it would also give the participant exposure to the Challenges being faced by the Agriculture Sector.

These issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Director, NCIDE

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