

Maha Agri-Business Conclave held

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PUNE: The Small Farmers' Agri-business Consortium recently organised the Maharashtra Agri-Business Conclave (MAC) in Pune aiming to strengthen the existing Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and to explore innovative and effective strategies to enhance the capacity building and sustainability of Farmer Producer Organisations (FPO) through technology, finance and input supply.

The conclave saw the partici-

pation of experts from both the agricultural and corporate sectors, who deliberated on pressing issues that farmers in the region were facing.

Further, they shared their domain expertise to find plausible solutions through backward and forward linkages to promote sustainability of FPOs and Farmer Producer Companies (FPC), and credit linkages for promoting agribusiness in Maharashtra through Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) schemes such as the venture capital assistance and

the credit guarantee scheme.

All the stake holders in promotion and sustenance of FPCs viz. senior state government officials, corporates, bankers and representatives of FPCs, besides academicians, participated in the event.

More than 200 FPCs, 100 corporates and banking officials were also present on the occasion.

A number of FPCs displayed their products and actively interacted with corporates, paving way for market linkage of agriculture produce.