

International Potato Centre

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Recently, the Union Cabinet has approved a proposal from the Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare to establish the International Potato Centre (CIP)'s South Asia Regional Centre (CSARC) at Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

About International Potato Centre

- It was founded in 1971 as a **research-for-development organization** with a focus on **potato, sweetpotato and Andean roots and tubers**.
- It delivers innovative science-based solutions to enhance access to affordable nutritious food, foster inclusive sustainable business and employment growth, and drive the climate resilience of **root and tuber agri-food systems**.
- CIP is a **CGIAR research center, a global research partnership** for a food-secure future. CGIAR science is dedicated to transforming food, land and water systems in a climate crisis.
- Its research is carried **out by 13 CGIAR Centers/Alliances** in close collaboration with hundreds of partners, including national and regional research institutes, civil society organizations, academia, development

organizations and the private sector.

- **Headquarter:** It is in **Lima, Peru** and it has a **research presence** in more than 20 countries in **Africa, Asia and Latin America.**

Potato Production in India

- **India** is the world's **second top producer and consumer** of potato
- **Major potato growing states:** Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Punjab.
- As of now, at least two different centres of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) work on tuber crops.
- While the Shimla-based **ICAR-CPRI** (Central Potato Research Institute) is working on potato, the **Thiruvananthapuram-based ICAR-CTCRI** (Central Tuber Crops Research Institute) is working on sweetpotato.

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