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IISR to hold int'l conclave, sugar fest

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The Indian Institute of Sugarcane Research (IISR) will be holding the first-of-its-kind international conclave on sugarcrop and 'National Sugar Fest' at from February 15 to 17. Senior IISR scientist AK Sah while talking to *The Pioneer* on Monday said that the conclave would see 100 delegates from all over the country and 15-20 delegates from countries like China, Sri Lanka, Indonesia and

Kenya.

"The Foundation Day of IISR falls on February 16 and we have been celebrating the occasion for last three years. This is for the first time that we are having an international conclave on the sugar crop which will include sugarcane and sugar beet and discussions will be carried out to increase production of the crop," said Sah.

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He added that the sugar fest would be organised to engage the audience in all kinds of activities. "There will be dance competitions, treasure hunts and balloon blowing competition for the kids. There will be quiz, run for health and cane-chewing for kids; and innovative food product competition for women," he said.

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