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**Rollout of Bharat Good Agricultural Practices
(Bharat GAP) Certification Programme**

**Subject: - Notice Inviting Applications for accreditation of certification bodies
and empanelment of NABL accredited testing laboratories**

National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous body under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt of India, announces the rollout of Bharat Good Agricultural Practices (Bharat GAP) certification programme.

Bharat GAP certification shall be a voluntary third-party certification system based on ISO-17065 and Bharat GAP standards and procedures. The Bharat GAP Operational Manual can be accessed from NHB Website at <https://www.nhb.gov.in/BharatGAP.aspx>

Bharat GAP certification shall be applicable for following crop categories:

- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Flowers and ornamentals and
- Combination crops grown in combination with above two categories of crops

Bharat GAP certification can be availed by following category of operators:

- Individual producers
- Small grower groups without QMS and
- Large grower groups with QMS

For implementation of Bharat GAP certification programme, applications are invited for:

- Accreditation of certification bodies from eligible agencies fulfilling the criteria laid down under Bharat GAP.
- Empanelment of testing laboratories fulfilling the criteria laid down under Bharat GAP.

Bharat GAP certification system operational manual with details of accreditation and certification process, principles and criteria and operational check lists is available for download from <https://www.nhb.gov.in/BharatGAP.aspx>

Entire application process is on-line through Bharat GAP page on NHB website through respective application modules,
<https://www.nhb.gov.in/OnlineApplication/UserLogin.aspx>

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