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On the important occasion of its foundation day, the Food Corporation of India today launched its newly-designed website. The website, accessible at www.fciweb.nic.in offers a range of information relating to the various operations undertaken by FCI. It is packed with current as well as historical data of procurement, stock position vis-a-vis Buffer Norms and Strategic Reserve, off-take under various schemes, storage capacity with FCI, its utilization, status of its finances etc. As an integrated website, any information specific to any of the FCI offices could be accessed through this single link. The tenderers, the employees and the public will now be able to access information of interest easily.

Speaking at the launch of the website, the Minister of State, for Agriculture, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Prof. K.V. Thomas said: "This is a momentous occasion for FCI. It is because of the Food Corporation of India's 46 years of service to the nation, that India has come a long way from the days of import of foodgrains in early seventies to a time when not only sufficient foodgrain is available in the country for public distribution but we are maintaining buffer stocks for any eventuality in future. I am immensely proud of the site and truly believe it is one of the best in the industry." Professor Thomas also spoke of the other IT initiatives taken by FCI with a specific mention to the ambitious project of the Central Government, the Integrated Information System of Food grain Management which was sanctioned

under the tenth five year plan. He spoke of the success achieved by FCI in managing daily online reporting of data of stocks and off-take under various schemes from each of the almost 1700 depots of FCI through one of the recently launched module i.e. IIRS under IISFM. A mention of the implementation of the Financial Accounting Package (FAP) and the rollout of the 'Payroll Module' across all its offices was also made. Addressing the invitees, the Chairman and the Managing Director FCI, Shri Siraj Hussain, underlined the difficulties of managing the operations at far flung areas, the lack of facilities, problems in transportation especially where terrain is difficult and hoped that through its website FCI would be able to convey its beliefs and values and the work done by it despite the constraints. He expressed pride in the significant contribution that FCI made and would continue making in the procurement, storage and distribution activities of foodgrains across country.

The launch was attended by a number of invited guests including senior officers of the Ministry of Food and Public Distribution. The event was presided over by Dr. B.C. Gupta, Secretary (Food & Public Distribution). Shri Desh Deepak Verma, AS&FA, and Dr B.K. Gairola, Director General National Informatics Centre, were also present as the guest of Honour. The function was attended by top bureaucrats of the Ministry as well as by senior officers of FCI from all over the country.

A brief note on FCI and important IT initiatives in FCI is attached.