

**23<sup>rd</sup> Standing Committee on Agriculture (2016-17)**  
**Appreciates efforts of NIFTEM's Village Adoption Programme (VAP)**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Report of Standing Committee on Agriculture on Demands for Grants (2016-17) of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has appreciated the efforts being made by NIFTEM in Village Adoption Programme.

While **appreciating the efforts being made by NIFTEM** in popularizing the Village Adoption Programme (VAP), the committee recommended that more and more villages across the country should be adopted under this programme so that villages and the students are mutually benefitted and more traditional dishes of the adopted villages to be documented for scientific intervention under Make in India initiative by NIFTEM.

Since Village Adoption Programme (VAP) teams are lead by faculty members, the Committee, therefore, urged that new recruitment of faculty be expedited so that more and more villages across the country are involved in the programme.

The Committee observed that in the absence of adequate support from the Government in terms of adequate budget allocation, it would be difficult for NIFTEM to run the noble programme like the one Village Adoption Programme. The Committee, therefore, agreed with the Ministry of Food Processing Industries that NIFTEM should be given continuous support to fill the gap between the expenditure requirements and the revenue generation till they achieve self-sufficiency".