

Mahayogi Gorakhnath Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh

Proceeding of Poorwanchal Kisan Mela and Krishi Pradarshani

02-03 March, 2019

A two days (02-03, March, 2019) “**Poorwanchal Kisan Mela and Krishi Pradarshani**” was organized by Mahayogi Gorakhnath Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gorakhpur in collaboration with ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Kanpur Uttar Pradesh. The Poorwanchal Kisan Mela and Krishi Pradarshani was inaugurated by **Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji Hon’ble Chief Minister, Government of Uttar Pradesh and Shri Radha Mohan Singh ji, Hon’ble Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India**. He also inaugurated the administrative building of Mahayogi Gorakhnath Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gorakhpur on this occasion.

The aforesaid programme was Chaired by **Shri Yogi Adityanath Ji Hon’ble Chief Minister, Government of Uttar Pradesh**. He also expressed his concern that KVKs are the Innovative institution at the district level. Therefore, its benefits are to be up-scaled for the large number of farmers of the district. In his inaugural speech, he emphasized for organizing a greater number of awareness campaign at village level so that a greater number of farmers can derive benefit out of it. He also called upon the farmers to be in touch with the Krishi Vigyan Kendra for their technical empowerment. He advised the farmers to take the benefit of the various development schemes for agricultural sector, which have recently been launched by the Government of India and Uttar Pradesh for the upliftment and improve the income of the farmers at least by two folds. Hon’ble Chief Minister also urged the farmers to get benefited by the recently launched "Kisan Samman Nidhi" Scheme.

Chief Guest, Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, highlighted the major features of the agricultural schemes and informed the farmers to derive maximum benefits out of it. In the changing climatic regime, he also highlighted to promote the intercropping and mixed cropping system to minimize the risk of crop loss. The animal rearing and organic farming may go hand-in-hand, he also added. Shri Singh impressed upon the farmers’ gathering that protected cultivation technology may be the boon for the small holders for growing off-season vegetables and maximizing the income from agriculture. Shri Singh accentuated the central government’s commitment of achieving the goal of doubling farmers’ income by the Year - 2022. The Minister also discussed about the various achievements of the government’s flagship schemes to the agriculture and allied sectors. In his address, he also gave an account of several farmers’ beneficiary schemes like e-NAM, MSP, RKVY, NFSM, NHM, PMKSY, PMFBY etc., which are benefiting millions of farmers across the country. The Minister fundamentally accentuated on villages and farmers’ development for achieving the goal of inclusive national development.





Shri Surya Pratap Shahi, Minister of Agriculture, Government of Uttar Pradesh emphasized that we have the improved agricultural technologies and farmers who are using these technologies are getting the enhanced production. However, existing marketing systems and its network are not efficient enough to arrange remunerative price to such farmers and this in turn discourages the farmers in adoption of improved technologies. Therefore, he stressed upon the inter-department and institutional convergence at the district level for arranging marketing facilities, input procurement and ensuring the related logistics. He also appealed to the farmers to promote organic farming for better soil health and enhanced farm income. The Minister urged the farmers for fully utilizing the KVK facilities in order to tap the use of potential of technologies to increase the productivity and production by reducing cultivation cost. He underlined the prevalence of major gap in term of technologies developed and their adoption. Shri Singh opined that pacing the dissemination of technologies to the farmers can help in reducing the gap. He also urged the farmers for using the Soil testing facilities and ensuring the use of balanced fertilizers as per the soil analysis based on Soil Health Cards.

Shri Fateh Bahadur Singh Member of Legislative Assembly, highlighted the role of kisan mela and also addressed about government schemes launched by Honourable Prime Minister and Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh to the farmers.

Dr AK Singh DDG Extension, ICAR, New Delhi briefed on the significant roles of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in demonstrating and popularizing the location specific technologies and capacity building of farmers, farm-women and other stakeholders. He also advocated crop rotation including pulses, addition of manures and other macro/micro-nutrients on a sustainable basis.

Dr RP Singh, Senior Scientist and Head, welcomed to all delegates and in his welcome address highlighted the significant achievements of the Mahayogi Gorakhnath Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Gorakhpur.

Chief Guest and Chairperson released the “**Gorakhnath Krishi Darpan**” patrika, of Mahayogi Gorakhnath Krishi Vigyan Kendra and also launched KVK’s website www.mgkvk.in on this occasion.

Hon’ble Ministers also distributed soil health card to five farmers and also expressed concern over soil health analysis, timely availability of inputs like quality seeds, fertilizers, pesticides and popularization of banana cultivation in the district for higher income.

Total of fourteen ICAR Institutes, 10 KVKs, 37 seed/fertilizers/pesticides/animal feeds, 06 farm machineries, 15-line departments of the districts, 04 NGOs/SHG, 04 nursery/biofertilizers, 01 dairy products and six extension work companies participated in this event and displayed their technologies, information, products, schemes, etc for the benefit of large number of farmers and farm women (approx. 5000) from Gorakhpur, Deoria, Sant kabir Nagar and Siddarthnagar districts of Uttar Pradesh. More than 100 officials from line departments of different districts were present on this occasion.