

Press Release of Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela 2020

Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela 2020 is being organized at the Mela Ground of ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi during March 1-3, 2020. The Mela was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, Government of India. The inaugural function was presided over by Honorable Minister(s) of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Sh. Parshottam Rupala and Sh Kailash Chaudhary, Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE and Director General-ICAR, was the Guest of Honour. During the inaugural, other dignitaries present on the dais were Dr. T. R. Sharma, DDG (Crop Science), Dr. A K. Singh, DDG (Agri. Extn.), Dr. A K. Singh, Director IARI, and Dr. J.P. Sharma, Jt. Director (Extension).

Hon'ble Union Minister Sh. Narendra Singh Tomarji appreciated the commendable efforts of the scientists of the ICAR and NARS system in developing improved and modern agricultural technologies. He also praised the tireless efforts of the farmers for their sheer hard work due to which the country has become self-sufficient in food production and is also exporting good quality produce to many other countries. He emphatically enumerated that all the students who belong to rural background and who are trained in the agricultural sciences shall take up farming and allied venture as profession and shall become job creators instead of job seekers. He also mentioned that FPOs will be strengthened in future by providing loans through Kisan Credit Card. These credit cards will be provided for the same to the beneficiaries of PM Kisan Yojana. He also urged to all the scientists who have contributed significantly during their service tenure should also continue even after retirement for national agricultural development through their expertise and guidance to the nation. Hon'ble agriculture minister was confident that Indian Agriculture at present is in very good shape and minor hic-ups shall be overcome with the able leadership of our worthy Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi Ji. Lastly he gave his best wishes to the IARI for the success of Kisanmela -2020.

Sh. Parushottam Rupala Ji, MOS for Agri. & Farmers Welfare, congratulated the Institute for arranging the Kisanmela and providing good quality seeds to the farmers. He also desired that ICAR and Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare should organize conference on Climate Change in all the 8 Agro-climatic zones across the country. He also emphasized that the provision of good quality seed should be made available in all these eight zones by organizing such mela programmes.

Speaking on this occasion, MOS for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shri Kailash Chudhary informed about various government schemes to farmers and invited them to take much benefit of all such schemes like Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, per drop more crop, Kisan Samman Nidhi and Gokul Mission *etc.* He assured the farmers that Government of India is committed for farmers' development and Doubling Farmers Income will be a reality.

A large number of ICAR Institutes, State Agricultural Universities, Public and private organizations, Voluntary Organizations and number of innovative farmers put up their stalls.