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From the Desk of the President



Dear fellowship! First of all I on behalf of BASA and my own behalf wish you all a very happy, healthy, prosperous and satisfying new year 2025. My grandfather a well-known Vedic of the area used to say "संतोषक' गाछ मे मेवा फरइ छै", meaning is that a "tree of satisfaction always bears fruits of nectar". It is a matter of satisfaction that the BASA has started running in 2024 after its birth and crawling in 2023. This year we got BASA registered, had an annual meeting, three executive council meetings and a book on the District Agriculture biodata of Bihar. We started this e-newsletter and completed all issues as planned. New members of BASA also joined and our family has expanded. The contributions of all of you are highly acknowledged and wish the same in the coming year 2025.

Dear friends! Bihar Agriculture is facing problems from three fronts. One, known to everyone is flooding, the other is draught and what is the third? Can you guess it? It is labour, while Bihar is supplying labourers to all other states and we feel bad hearing about their plight and apathetic conditions time and again through TV and newspapers. We collectively have to think about it and bring a sustainable solution to retain our talent and labours. Contributions by talent living outside the state and the country and productive manpower within their districts, blocks and Panchayat shall not only help in improvement of economic conditions, but will also improve images of the state. That will only happen if we provide good opportunities to earn and live with pride in their native places only. How will that happen? We with the help of the Bihar Government should prepare a plan to mitigate these problems.

Friends! No one will come to solve our problems. We have to find solutions and fulfil the needs of our mother lands. On my advice, Govt. of Bihar first time went outside the state to celebrate Makhana Mahotsav in Bengaluru, and I have come to know that many agreements were signed for the marketing and export of makhana. But I visualize problems in this as well. People buy popped makhana from Bihar and then manufacture value-added products and pack them in other states for marketing throughout world. This also gives a lot of revenue losses to Bihar. Makhana, Litchi, Mangoes and many other products of Bihar are unique and thus their production, processing and marketing need to be intensified within the state to provide jobs, increase income and retain all kinds of manpower and talents within the state. In this direction, Govt. of Bihar has also taken action and reorganised the services of Agricultural Engineers and has sanctioned several posts. We should be happy to know that Bihar received a global award for Agriculture suiting climate change. Congratulations to one and all involved in Bihar Agriculture directly or indirectly.

Dear fellowship! In 2024 we started something, and now we have to do something more. A lot of plan and thinking are in the basket. Motherland is asking for a little more. You know the pond gets filled drop by drop. Each and every fellowship has to drop at least one or two drops in the ponds. Otherwise also digging ponds and wells is considered to be pious work in our culture. So let's thank 2024 for the good progress and better path given. Pledge to contribute more effectively and visibly in the activity of BASA and show our collective efforts in all-round development of Bihar

S.N. Jha President, BASA •>===

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1. BASA Happenings

1.1. 4th Executive Council meeting of BASA

The 4th Executive Council meeting of Bihar Agriculture Science Academy was held on November 2, 2024, at 11:00 AM, in virtual mode. After detailed discussions on agenda items, following decisions were taken, unanimously:

- The EC confirmed and approved the proceedings and actions of the last EC meeting held on June 29, 2024. However, some issues and concerns were raised by the Secretary regarding expected deliverables for the year 2024-25 and the following decisions were taken:
 - a. The District Agriculture Profile Book will now be printed in collaboration with Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, Pusa. Dr P.S. Pandey, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of RPCAU, Pusa and the Vice President, BASA proposed the same. Dr Pandey also suggested that the printing services which have a rate contract with the University, will be utilized for this purpose. The EC unanimously agreed to this proposal of Dr Pandey.
 - b. Regarding three working papers related to Bihar's agriculture-related issues, viz. marketing, fisheries and water management, it was decided that these shall be shared with the Executive Committee for comments between November 15-30, 2024, and shall be presented before the committee, simultaneously. These will be released on Foundation Day, March 2025.
 - c. A collaborative workshop on "Policies and Institutions for Advancement of Agriculture in Bihar" at RPCAU, Pusa will be held together with the celebrations of Foundation Day by RPCAU, Pusa, BASA and IFPRI (International Food Policy Research Institute, New Delhi). It was decided that eminent scientists and policymakers be invited from all over the country to contribute positively to this developmental exercise for the state of Bihar, and needful approvals be taken at the earliest.
 - d. It was decided to circulate BASA bylaws among members, especially from within RPCAU, Pusa for English corrections, so that these can be finalized and printed.
- 2. The last date for receiving nominations for the BASA fellowship was further extended up to November 30, 2024, to obtain more nominations for the BASA fellowship.
- 3. Further, the president, BASA appreciated the editors wholeheartedly; and suggested that all members must share the relevant news regularly. The editors acknowledged and thanked the president, BASA for his continued support and efforts towards publishing the newsletter.
- 4. The president, BASA also discussed the issue of registration of the academy with NITI Aayog; and requested the treasure of BASA to enquire about requirements and to do the needful.



Experts flag rising soil degradation in the state

Dec 4, 2024, 06.29 PM IST

Patna: Soil scientists and experts in the state have flagged the rising soil degradation of Bihar, which has already affected the geographical area, causing a sharp decline in agricultural productivity and affecting the livelihoods of millions of farmers. According to the 'Degradation and Land Desertification Atlas of India' published by ISRO's Satellite Application Centre (SAC), the total degraded geographical area in the state stood at 7.38% in 2011-12, 7.93% in 2018-19 and 8.87% in 2021-22.

The latest report – published in 2021-22 – pointed out that more than 7.50 lakh hectares of soil in Bihar have been degraded for various reasons. It revealed that water erosion is the most significant contributor, affecting



3.21 lakh hectares of the state's land. Other major processes include vegetation degradation (2.42 lakh hectares) and settlement (28,200 hectares), the report stated, indicating, "These processes, compounded by poor agricultural practices and climate change, are solely responsible for the soil degradation in the state."

Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University's soil scientist C K Jha said that more than 37% of the total land area in the country stands degraded mainly due to soil salinization. In Bihar, approximately 3.2 lakh hectares of agricultural land have been degraded due to salinization, he said, adding, "The salt-affected soils occupy a major area of Samastipur, Siwan, Muzaffarpur, Gopalganj, Vaishali, Saran, East Champaran and West Champaran districts." Jha said that salt-affected soils have serious impacts on their functions, including less agricultural productivity, deterioration of water quality, loss of soil biodiversity, and acceleration of the soil erosion process. "Salt-affected soils reduce both the ability of crops to take up water and the availability of micronutrients," he added.

Bihar State Pollution Control Board's former chairman, Ashok Kumar Ghosh, pointed out that in addition to natural processes, human-induced activities, such as stubble burning and the excessive use of chemical fertilizers, have further exacerbated the problem of soil degradation. "The loss of topsoil and nutrients due to erosion has reduced the land's ability to sustain crops, leading to lower yields and increased vulnerability to extreme weather events," he said. "The use of chemical fertilizers weakens the soil's fertility, resulting in a decline in crop yield." Ghosh added that there is an urgent need to raise awareness of the importance of maintaining healthy ecosystems and human wellbeing by addressing the growing challenges in soil management and fighting soil salinization. Using traditional organic fertilizers and herbicides instead of chemical ones would go a long way in retarding the pace of soil degradation, he added.

Patna University professor of biotechnology Birendra Prasad observed that soil degradation has far-reaching consequences on the agricultural sector, which contributes significantly to the state's economy and provides employment to a large percentage of the population. He said, "The soil's nutrition should be increased through biomass. Natural farming would solve the problem to a great extent."

Source: https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/patna/bihars-soaring-soil-degradation-a-crisis-for-farmers-and-agriculture/articleshowprint/115975773.cms



ICRISAT, Bihar Government and local partners advance food and nutrition security through Centre of excellence for millets in Gaya

November 15, 2024

With a groundbreaking focus on food and nutrition security, the Bihar Centre of Excellence for Millets Value Chains—established by the Government of Bihar in collaboration with ICRISAT and local partners —is harnessing scientific innovation to unlock the full potential of millet production in the state.

- The initiative aims to position Bihar as a leader in sustainable agriculture, enhancing crop resilience and supporting livelihoods for millions.
- Trials of various millet types have been conducted at multiple sites, identifying the top-performing varieties 'lines' for expanded trials in 2024 / 2025.
- To date, **150** farmers have participated in millet seed production across **34** hectares, and improved seed and training have been provided to over **140** farmers.

The initiative aims to produce 20,000 kg of millet seed in 2024-25 and plans to expand further as on-ground capacity continues to grow. Speaking from ICRISAT HQ, Global Research Program Director for Accelerated Crop Improvement Dr Sean Mayes said that millet cultivation in Bihar remained limited with only around 8,700 hectares under production, yielding approximately 11,200 tons annually. "In recent years, farmers have faced restricted access to diverse and high-performing millet varieties, which this initiative aims to address through targeted research and innovation. "We know this will have a direct impact on food and nutrition security for the most vulnerable in the state, particularly for women and children," said Dr Mayes.

To support smallholders, the Centre has also introduced on-site millet processing demonstrations, new mechanization tools, and field days, reaching over 1194 farmers including 240 women, with plans for two permanent secondary processing sites in Bihar. A model farm at Mayapur features rainwater harvesting and optimized irrigation and stands as an inspirational resource for local farmers to adopt resilient millet practices. The Centre is taking further practical steps across six work packages that span the entire millet value chain—from germplasm enhancement and robust seed systems to mechanization, farming systems featuring rainfall storage, product innovation, and market linkages.

ICRISAT's Interim Director General, Dr Stanford Blade, applauded the Government of Bihar, Dr Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University and Bihar Agricultural University, and ICRISAT teams, and project partners for their progress in advancing the state's vision for millet development. "I am especially pleased to see this initiative empowering more women with access to knowledge and technology. "It will enable women to take responsibility for an expanded and pivotal role in expanding millet production for enhanced food and nutrition security for them and their families," said Dr Blade. The Centre is set to reshape Bihar's food systems, with ICRISAT and its partners directly addressing the state's food and nutritional security needs, supporting farmer resilience, and establishing a sustainable foundation for agricultural growth.

Source: https://pressroom.icrisat.org/icrisat-bihar-government-and-local-partners-advance-food-and-nutrition-security-through-centre-of-excellence-for-millets-in-gaya



Agriculture faces existential crisis in Bihar's 'pulses bowl' of Mokama Tal

Rahul Kumar Gaurav 08 Nov 2024, 1:56 pm

Area water-logged for last 7-8 years; pulses cultivation not being done, rendering farmers without employment

For the last several years, the Tal region of Bihar spread over approximately one lakh hectares of land has not been able to produce a good crop due to waterlogging.

The local farmers are unable to farm due to water logging and are on the brink of starvation. The problem is very serious. Only one crop can be harvested, on which the entire region is dependent. Work on it quickly,"



remarked Vijay Sinha, former speaker in the Bihar Assembly, while telling the then state water resources minister, Sanjay Jha, about 'Mokama Tal', the state's 'pulses bowl', in 2021.

Mokama Tal is spread over more than 100,000 hectares of land in the four districts of Patna, Nalanda, Lakhisarai and Sheikhpura. It is about 90 kilometres away from state capital Patna and is considered to be the main centre of pulse cultivation in Bihar. The region is the second-largest *masur* (lentil) producing area in the country, with large quantities of lentils, gram, peas and rye pulses being produced there. The *Tal* is a natural water conservation area of the Ganga river. Every year, during the rainy season, water accumulates in the entire area up to a height of eight to 10 feet.

After the rains end, this water drains into the Ganga through the local Harohar river around September or October. After this, farmers cultivate only pulses and oilseeds on this land. However, due to water logging in the *Tal* for the last several years, good quality crops are not being grown. Most of the farmers here, who depend on farming, have been unable to farm due to water logging.

Wither pulses?

This area is quite fertile due to availability of surface water all year-round. There is still no need for fertiliser and irrigation. Hence, the yield is also quite high. However, water has accumulated in the *Tal* for the last 7-8 years. Due to this, farming is not possible over many acres."

Source: https://www.downtoearth.org.in/agriculture/agriculture-faces-existential-crisis-in-bihars-pulses-bowl-of-mokama-tal



The Standing Committee of Parliament points out the high financial pressure on agricultural households

Shagun

17 Dec 2024, 6:34 pm

While farmer incomes may be rising, expenses are outpacing income growth, leading agricultural families to borrow more, the Standing Committee on Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food Processing has observed in its latest report. A recent survey on rural financial inclusion for 2022-23 by NABARD had stated that the average monthly income of households saw a substantial rise of 57.6 per cent over a five-year period, increasing from Rs 8,059 in 2016-17 to Rs 12,698 in 2021-22, an increase of 57.6 per cent. But the average monthly expenditure surged even more sharply from Rs 6,646 to Rs 11,262 (an increase of 69.4%) over the same period, creating an imbalance.

Despite the rise in incomes, the percentage of rural families taking loans has risen from 47.4 per cent to 52 per cent between 2016-17 and 2021-22. This points to a heightened financial pressure on agricultural households and reflects a concerning trend in rural financial health.

"The committee, therefore, feels that the present situation necessitates careful monitoring and targeted interventions to ensure that farmers can manage their debts sustainably while continuing to invest in their agricultural activities and the department should do everything possible to ensure that farmers don't get entrapped in a vicious cycle of insurmountable debts and the schemes run for the welfare of farmers have a tangible impact on the ground," it said.

'Rename department of agriculture'

The parliamentary panel also recommended renaming the 'Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare' to the Department of Agriculture, Farmers & Farm Labourers Welfare'. It said this will bring a broader focus on farm labourers. "Farm labourers are indispensable to agriculture, significantly impacting food production, economic stability, and community welfare," it said. The renaming branding would assist in enhancing the scope of initiatives and policies directed towards improving the livelihoods and welfare of both farmers and farm labourers, it added.

The name change would be vital to a larger effort to streamline agricultural governance and address the diverse needs of those working in agriculture, according to the committee. It also suggested establishing a 'National Commission for Minimum Living Wages' for farm labourers "at the earliest to provide long due rights to farm labourers".

The Standing Committee on Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food Processing, on December 17, recommended the implementation of a legally binding Minimum Support Price (MSP) in India. It also urged the agriculture department to declare a roadmap for its implementation at the earliest. Implementation of MSP to farmers as a legal guarantee was essential not only for safeguarding farmers' livelihoods but also for promoting rural economic growth and enhancing national food security, said the parliamentary panel headed by Congress MP Charanjit Singh Channi. "With assured income through MSP, farmers are more likely to invest in their agricultural practices, leading to increased productivity and sustainability in farming. This investment can also contribute to long-term food security for the nation," it added.

Source: https://www.downtoearth.org.in/agriculture/standing-committee-points-out-high-financial-pressure-on-agricultural-households



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Bihar mandis in 'deplorable' state after repeal of APMC Act

Sanjeeb Mukherjee

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APMC Acts are legislations that govern the functioning of mandis in most states and regulate the buying and selling of agricultural produce

At the height of the farmers' agitation against the three farm Acts in 2020, many commentators had pointed to Bihar's abolition of the Agriculture Produce Marketing Committee (APMC) Act as an example of deregulating the farm markets. However, an analysis done as part of a recent draft national policy framework for agriculture marketing said that after the Act ended in the state in 2006, the APMCs there have been in a "deplorable" condition. APMC Acts are legislations that govern the functioning of mandis in most states and regulate the buying and selling of agricultural produce.

The draft also talked of a 'dire' need to improve the agriculture marketing ecosystem in the state. This will help tap the immense potential for processing of fruits, vegetables and 'makhana' (fox nut) in the state to bring better returns to farmers and create job opportunities in the rural sector. The draft said that at the time of the repeal of the state APMC Act in 2006, there were around 95 APMCs under the state agriculture marketing board. Of these, 54 APMCs were established with market-yard facilities, whereas 41 APMCs were running in rented premises. With the repeal of the APMC Act, 41 APMCs that were running in rented premises completely stopped functioning. Although the balance 54 APMC markets still exist, they are in a deplorable situation.

It further added that the functioning of these 54 surviving APMC markets is under the control of the 'administrator' appointed by the Bihar government. Sub-divisional officers have been made in charge of these 54 APMC markets. Since regulation on notified agricultural produce has been withdrawn, in consequence, agricultural produce can now be traded anywhere by anyone. The draft welcomed a decision of the Bihar government taken a few months back — on September 12 — to establish a 'marketing directorate' under the state agriculture department. It would have the mandate to seek reasonable price realisation for farmers, promoting storage facilities, value addition, processing and development of grameen haats, among others. "This is a good decision," the draft policy said.

Meanwhile, commenting on Kerala, another state, whose marketing framework or the lack of it had come under scrutiny during the farm law debate, the draft said that the state never had any APMC Act. Instead, it has six community markets designed under Kerala Agricultural Market Project (KAMP), with financial assistance from the European Union called EEC markets. It said these markets have got all the basic infrastructural facilities like boundary wall, pakka internal roads, weighbridge, cold storage, ripening chamber, godown, auction hall/platforms, garbage disposal system and other administrative facilities. Also, there are around 920 Grameen Haats in Kerala under the control of Panchayats or Municipality and Corporations. But, the marketing and allied infrastructure in these is very poor. Moreover, there is marketing infrastructure in the state that includes Vegetable and Fruit Promotion Council Keralam (VFPCK) which is a company with stake-holding of farmers (50 per cent), Kerala government (30%) and other related institutions (20%). Also, there is Horticorp for horticulture crops; Supplyco for paddy; Kerala Karshaka Sahakarana Federation (Kerafed) for coconut farmers and Kerala State Rubber Marketing Federation (Rubber Mark), the apex body of primary rubber marketing co-operatives. "Apart from these, central government organisations include the Spices Board, Tea Board, Coffee Board and Coconut Development Board. These are facilitating marketing of respective agricultural commodities in the state," the draft said.

Source: <u>https://www.business-standard.com/industry/agriculture/bihar-mandis-in-deplorable-state-after-repeal-of-apmc-</u> act-report-124121001113_1.html

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सब्जी उत्पादन में बिहार ने रचा इतिहास Paritosh Shahi

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Bihar: कृषि मंत्री मंगल पांडेय ने सोमवार को पटना स्थित कृषि भवन में आलू एवं सब्जी महाभियान -2024 की शुरुआत कीइस दौरान रबी मौसम के . लिए ब्रोकली , शिमला मिर्च , टमाटर, फूलगोभी व बंदागोभी के हाइब्रिड सब्जी के बिचड़े का सांकेतिक वितरण कार्यक्रम आरंभ किया गया कार्यक्रम . को संबोधित करते हुए कृषि मंत्री मंगल पांडेय ने कहा कि देश में सब्जी की खेती मं

9.10 लाख हेक्टेयर में सब्जी की खेती हो रही है स्तक्सी का उसादत्मप्रकिवर्ष .175.63 हेक्टेयर में होती है आत्यूक्यम स्रैपादन .87.90



19.30 टन है साम्खमें आलू की खेती .3.29

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सात जिलों में कुफरी चिप्सोना की होगी खेती

मंगल पांडेय ने कहा कि आलू के प्रसंस्करण के लिए उपयुक्त प्रभेद कुफरी चिप्सोना-के उत्पादन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए औरंगाबाद, गया, पटना, नालंदा सारण, समस्तीपुर और वैशाली जिले का चयन किया गया है.150 हेक्टेयर से आलू के कुफरी चिप्सोना-क्रे उत्पाद का लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है. आइसीएआर की ओर से इस वित्तीय वर्ष 2024-25 में आलू प्रजनक बीज, प्रभेद कुफरी पुखराज की 200 किंटल राज्य सरकार को प्राप्त हुई है. वहीं, अगले वित्तीय वर्ष 2025-26 के लिए 1 हजार 470 किंटल आलू प्रजनक बीज मिलने की सहमति मिली है.

12 जिलों में बनेंगे कोल्ड स्टोरेज

कृषि मंत्री ने कहा कि वर्तमान में राज्य में कुल 202 कोल्ड स्टोरेज हैं. इनकी कुल भंडारण क्षमता लगभग 12 लाख 30 हजार टन है. राज्य के 12 जिलों कोल्ड स्टोरेज नहीं हैं. इसे लेकर इन जिलों में आलू भंडारण के लिए नये कोल्ड स्टोरेज टाइप-औ 2 50 प्रतिशत अनुदान का प्रावधान है. कार्यक्रम के दौरान कृषि सचिव संजय अग्रवाल ने किसानों को कई जानकारियां दीं. 14 जिलों से आये किसानों को उत्पादन में बढ़ोतरी की जानकारी दी गयी.

Source: https://www.prabhatkhabar.com/state/bihar/bihar-created-history-in-vegetable-production-reached-fourth-place-in-the-country



इथेनॉल बनाने में ही खप रहे हैं बिहार के 50 फीसदी मक्के, 30 फीसदी से बन रहा पशु चारा

मनोज कुमार

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पटना. इथेनॉल प्लांटों में अब राज्य में उत्पादित मक्के की 50 फीसदी खपत हो रही है. बीते साल से इसमें लगभग 30 फीसदी का उछाल आया है. वर्ष 2022 में 20 फीसदी ही इथेनॉल प्लांटों में खपत हो रही थी. इसके बाद सबसे अधिक खपत पशु चारा के निर्माण में हो रहा है. पशु चारा के लिए 30 फीसदी मक्के की खपत हो रही है, जबकि वर्ष 2022 में 50 फीसदी मक्के का उपयोग पशुचारा के लिए हो रहा था. पशुचारा से यह इथेनॉल प्लांटों में शिफ्ट हो गया है. राज्य में कुल 17 इथेनॉल प्लांट खोले जाने हैं. इसमें 11



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खुल गये हैं. इस साल और शेष छह सभी ऑपरेशनल हो जाएंगे. इन छह के ऑपरेशनल होने के बाद मक्के की और डिमांड बढ़ेगी. किसानों को मक्के का उचित दाम मिल पायेगा.

पांच फीसदी मक्के का हो रहा निर्यात

वर्ष 2023 में राज्य में उत्पादित मक्के का पांच फीसदी दूसरे राज्यों में निर्यात हुआ. प्रोसेस्ड फूड में पांच फीसदी , स्टार्च इंडस्ट्री में पांच, फूड में पांच फीसदी मक्के की खपत हो रही है. एक फीसदी अन्य दूसरे कार्यों में मक्के का उपयोग हो रहा है.

निर्यात व स्टार्च उद्योग में गिरावट

वर्ष 2022 में आठ फीसदी मक्के का निर्यात हुआ था. राज्य में ही खपत अधिक होने से इसके निर्यात में तीन फीसदी गिरावट आयी है. स्टार्च इंडस्ट्री में भी वर्ष 2022 में सात फीसदी मक्के की खपत हुई थी, इसके अगले साल दो फीसदी की गिरावट आयी. वर्ष 2022 में फूड में आठ फीसदी व अन्य कार्यों में दो फीसदी मक्के का उपयोग हुआ था. इसमें वर्ष 2023 में में पांच और दूसरे कार्यों में एक फीसदी ही मक्के का उपयोग हुआ.

मक्के का हुआ 33 लाख एमटी उत्पादन

वर्ष 2023-24 में मक्के का उत्पादन 33.78 लाख एमटी हुआ. वर्ष 2023-23 में मक्के का उत्पादन 48.29 लाख एमटी हुआ था. बिहार के नये उत्पादों का सृजन हो रहा है. इस बीच उत्पादन में गिरावट आयी है. कारण कि वर्ष 2022-23 में 7.48 लाख हेक्टेयर में मक्के की खेती हुई थी. वर्ष 2023-24 में 5.64 लाख हेक्टेयर में ही मक्के की खेती हुई.

Source: https://www.prabhatkhabar.com/state/bihar/patna/bihar-news-50-percent-of-bihars-maize-is-being-consumed-in-making-ethanol-30-percent-is-being-used-as-animal-feed

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बिहार के इन 12 जिलों में कोल्ड स्टोरेज निर्माण पर सरकार देगी 50 प्रतिशत अनुदान

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पटनाः बिहार के किसानों के लिए कोल्ड स्टोरेज (शीत गृह) बहुत जरूरी होता है. फसल को नुकसान होने से बचाने में इसका अहम योगदान है. बिहार के 12 जिला ऐसे हैं जहां कोल्ड स्टोरेज की सुविधा ना के बराबर है. ऐसे में बिहार सरकार इन जिलों में कोल्ड स्टोरेज निर्माण हेतु एक योजना लेकर आई है. योजना के तहत कोल्ड स्टोरेज निर्माण पर 50 प्रतिशत का अनुदान दे



इस योजना की जानकारी बुधवार को कृषि मंत्री मंगल पाण्डेय

ने दी और बताया कि इस योजना के तहत नए कोल्ड स्टोरेज टाइप 1 एवं टाइप 2के निर्माण पर प्रण्तिशत अन् , यह अन्दान राशि अधिकतम 17.50 लाख रुपए तक होगी.इन

12 जिलों में कोल्ड स्टोरेज निर्माण हेतु मिलेगी अनुदान राशिशीत गृह (कोल्ड स्टोरेज) मालिकों के साथ चच , नवादा, औरंगाबाद,

बांका, सहरसा, जमुई, मुंगेर, जहानाबाद, लखीसराय, शेखपुरा, अरवल, शिवहर में अभी कोल्ड स्टोरेज नहीं हैं. इससे किसानों की आय में भी बह्त नुकसान होता है, **किसानों की आय बढ़ाना सरकार की प्रथम प्राथमिकता है.समस्य**

बिहार के किसानों को आलू के अच्छे बीज नहीं मिल पा रहे हैं जिससे काफी मात्रा में आलू के फसल का नुकस हो रहा इसको लेकर कृषि मंत्री ने कृषि वैज्ञानिको को आलू के अच्छे बीज उपलब्ध कराने को निर्देश दिया. चर्चा का अध्यक्षता कर रहे विभाग के सचिव संजय अग्रवाल ने कहा कि कोल्ड स्टोरेज के मालिकों की समस्या का निवारण करने के लिए कृषि विभाग में एक नोडल पदाधिकारी बनाया जाएगा. वह श्रम संसाधन, ऊर्जा और उद्योग विभाग से संबंधित समस्याओं का समाधान कराएगा. सचिव ने बैंक के प्रतिनिधियों से आग्रह पूर्वक कह कि कोल्ड स्टोरेज मालिकों को आप आवश्यकतानुसार ऋण मुहैया कराएं.

राज्य के 50 शीत गृहों का संचालन सौर ऊर्जा से होगीमंत्री ने कहा कि फल एवं सब्जियों के उत्पादन में बिहार

बड़ा आलू उत्पादक राज्य भी है. इन सभी चीजों को संरक्षित रखने हेतु कोल्ड स्टोरेज चेन की आवश्यकता है. अभी राज्य में कुल 202 शीत गृह हीं कार्यरत हैं. नए शीत गृह भंडारण क्षमता में वृद्धि की जाएगी. अभी राज्य के 50 शीत गृहों का संचालन सौर ऊर्जा से करने की योजना बनाई गई है

Source: https://www.prabhatkhabar.com/state/bihar/cold-storage-new-scheme-government-give-50-percent-grant-onconstruction-of-cold-storage-in-bihar



एक लाख हेक्टेयर खेतों में पहुंचेगा पानी, सात अरब खर्च करेगी बिहार सरकार

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पटना. बिहार में हर खेत तक सिंचाई का पानी पहुंचाने की कवायद शुरू कर दी गयी है. इस कड़ी में 2021-23 तक 60 हजार 616 हेक्टेयर में सिंचाई शुरू हो गयी है. अब 1.295 लाख हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र में सिंचाई के लिए पानी का प्रबंध करने की पहल शुरू हुई है. इस पर कुल 70000 लाख (सात अरब) रुपये खर्च होंगे. अगले पांच वर्षों तक इन योजनाओं को



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पूर्ण करने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है. इन योजनाओं के तहत क्रियान्वित कार्यों से इस साल कुल 0.64045 लाख हेक्टेयर में सिंचाई का इंतजाम होगा. इसके तहत 149 फील्ड चैनल बनेंगे. इनके निर्माण से इस साल कुल 0.03 लाख हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र में सिंचाई के लिए पानी की व्यवस्था होगी117 नहरों के पुनस्थार्पन, 16 नहरों के विस्तारीकरण के साथ 845 वीयर, चेकडैम समेत अन्य योजनाओं का क्रियान्वयन कराया जायेगा.

नदी जोड़ से तीन लाख हेक्टेयर में होगी सिंचाई

इसके अलावा नदी जोड़ योजना से 3.358 लाख हेक्टेयर तथा टाल विकास योजना के तहत 0.196 लाख हेक्टेयर खेतों में सिंचाई का इंतजाम किया जायेगा. इसके साथ ही 0.60 लाख हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र को जलजमाव से मुक्त कराया जायेगा. इसके साथ ही जल निस्सरण की 95 योजनाएं भी क्रियान्वित की जायेंगी. इन सभी योजनाओं को अगले पांच वर्षों में पूर्ण किया जायेगा.

28 लाख हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र में सिंचाई उपलब्ध

राज्यभर में कुल 55.63 लाख हेक्टेयर कृषि योग्य भूमि है. इसमें 28 लाख हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र में पानी पहुंचाया गया. वर्ष 2017-18 से वर्ष 2021-22 तक कुल 37.2263 लाख हेक्टेयर क्षेत्र में पानी पहुंचाने का लक्ष्य था. वर्ष 2017 से वर्ष 2020 तक 23 से 25.8241 लाख हेक्टेयर खेतों में पानी पहुंचा. इसके बाद के दो वर्ष 2020-2021 और 2021-22 में यह आंकड़ा 28 लाख हेक्टेयर तक पहुंचा है.

Source: https://www.prabhatkhabar.com/state/bihar/patna/irrigation-in-bihar-water-will-reach-one-lakh-hectare-fields-bihar-government-will-spend-seven-billion

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डॉ राजेन्द्र प्रसाद केंद्रीय कृषि विश्वविद्यालय पूसा में प्रदक्षिणा कार्यक्रम डिजिटल एग्रीकल्चर के क्षेत्र में देश को नई राह दिखा रहा विवि : वीसी

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डॉ राजेन्द्र प्रसाद केंद्रीय कृषि विश्वविद्यालय पुसा में प्रदक्षिणा कार्यक्रम के साथ 15 दिवसीय दीक्षारंभ कार्यक्रम संपन्न हुआ. अध्यक्षता करते हुए कुलपति डॉ पीएस पांडेय ने कहा कि शिक्षा के साथ छात्रों में भारतीय संस्कृति और सभ्यता को लेकर भी जागरूकता और जानकारी विकसित करने का प्रयास किया जा रहा है. पंद्रह दिनों तक चलने वाले दीक्षारंभ कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत सामूहिक योग के साथ हुआ. इस दौरान छात्रों ने देश भर के प्रख्यात विभिन्न विषयों के विशेषज्ञों से भी चर्चा की. विश्वविद्यालय के लगभग दो सौ छात्र हर वर्ष राष्ट्रीय और अंतरराष्ट्रीय फेलोशिप प्राप्त करते हैं. इसके अतिरिक्त वैज्ञानिक चयन बोर्ड की परीक्षा में भी अच्छा रैंक प्राप्त करते हैं. मुख्य अतिथि भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान संस्थान के उप महानिदेशक शिक्षा डा आरसी अग्रवाल ने कहा कि दीक्षारंभ कार्यक्रम की शुरुआत पूसा विश्वविद्यालय से ही हुई है. छात्र-छात्राएं देश और विदेश में सफलता प्राप्त कर रहे हैं. पटना विश्वविद्यालय के कुलपति डॉ अजय कुमार सिंह ने कहा कि शिक्षक के रूप में वे इस



संबोधित करते कुलपति डा पीएस पांडेय.



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विश्वविद्यालय के भाग रहे हैं. विश्वविद्यालय डिजिटल एग्रीकल्चर के क्षेत्र में देश को नई राह दिखा रहा है. कुलसचिव डा मृत्युंजय कुमार ने कहा कि विश्वविद्यालय तेजी से प्रगति कर

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प्रदर्शन करने वाले छात्र- छात्राओं को सम्मानित किया गया. संचालन डॉ कुमारी अंजनी ने किया. धन्यवाद ज्ञापन डॉ विनीता सतपथी ने किया.

रहा है. विभिन्न गतिविधियों में सर्वश्रेष्ठ निदेशक शिक्षा डॉ उमाकांत बेहरा, नियंत्रक डॉ पीके झा, डॉ राकेशमणि शर्मा, डॉ महेश कुमार, डॉ मुकेश कुमार, डॉ शिवपुजन सिंह, डॉ कुमार राज्यवर्धन मौजूद थे.

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ला मखाना की वैश्विक ख्याति, मांग भी बढी

मखाना अनुसंधान केंद्र में मखाना व संबद्ध जलीय फसलों पर राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी सह प्रदर्शनी आयोजित

जागरण संवाददाता, दरभंगाः आज मखाना की पहचान पूरे देश- विदेश में है। मखाना की मांग वैश्विक स्तर बढ़ी है। इसकी खासियत है कि इसकी खेती जलीय परत पर होती है। प्रधानमंत्री नरेन्द्र मोदी मखाना में पहं जाने वाली पौष्टिकता एवं औषधीय गुणों की प्रचुरता का वर्णन विभिन्न मंचों एवं सभाओं में करते हैं और जिसके कारण मिधिला मखान की वैश्विक ख्याति एवं वैश्विक मांग भी दिनें दिन बढ रही है। उका बातें गुरुवार को दिल्ली मोह स्थित राष्ट्रीय मखाना अनुसंधान केंद्र में मखाना एवं संबद्ध जलीय फसलों पर राष्ट्रीय संगोष्ठी सह प्रदर्शनी का बतौर मुख्य अतिथि उदघाटन करते हुए सांसद सह लोकसभा में भाजपा सचेतक डा. गोपालजी ठाकुर कही। कार्यक्रम में सांसद व अन्य अतिथियों ने सिंघाडा की दो नई प्रजाति स्वर्ण और स्वर्ण लोहित का विमोचन किया। सांसद ठाकर ने कहा कि प्राचीन काल से ही परम्परागत रूप से मखाना मिथिला की लोक संस्कृति का अभिन्न अंग रहा है और संपूर्ण भारत में मखाना के कुल उत्पादन का लगभग 90 प्रतिशत हिस्सा केवल और केवल मिथिला क्षेत्र में ही होता है। इसी सांस्कृतिक महता वं मिथिला क्षेत्र में अधिक उत्पादन कारण प्रधानमंत्री के नेतृत्व की



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मखाना" के रूप में जीआई टैग प्रदान कर मिथिलावासियों की भावना का सम्मान किया है। उन्होंने कहा कि मखाना अनुसंधान केंद्र में किसानों के लिए अलग से प्रशिक्षण केंद्र खोला जाएगा। जिससे किसानों को मखाना की गुणवत्ता पर जानकारी प्राप्त हो सकेगीं। भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान परिषद नई दिल्ली के उप महानिदेशक डा. एसएन झा ने कहा कि किसानों को अच्छी आमदनी हो, इसके लिए सरकार की ओर से मखाने की खेती लिए अलग से प्रयास किया जा रहा है। सांसद डा. धर्मशीला गुप्ता ने कहा कि मखाना को सुपर फूड के रूप में चयनित किया गया है। अति पिछड़ा समाज कल्याण विभाग के मंत्री हरि सहनी ने कहा कि केंद्र और बिहार न सरकार ने मखाना को "मिथिला सरकार के सहयोग से मखाना को

विश्व पटल पर देखा जा रहा है। किसानों को आर्थिक स्थिति मजबूत हो, इसके लिए मखाना को वन डिस्ट्रिक वन प्रोडक्ट के तहत भी चयनित किया गया है। ताकि किसानों की आर्थिक स्थिति मजबूत हो सके। सिंघाड़ा की नई दो प्रजातियों से उत्पादन में होगी वृद्धिः मखाना अनुसंघान केंद्र के वरिष्ठ विज्ञानी डा. मनोज कुमार ने कहा कि हाल के वर्षों में मखाना ने मिथिला क्षेत्र को विश्व पटल पर एक नयी पहचान दिलाई है। इसमें पाई जाने वाली पौष्टिकता व औषधीय गुणों की प्रचुरता तथा सुपर फूड के रूप में मखाने की बढ़ती वैशिवक ख्याति ने दरभंगा, मधुबनी सहित समूचे उत्तर बिहार के किसानों को अपनी आमदनी बढ़ाने का एक सुनहरा मौका प्रदान किया है। जलवायु



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परिवर्तन के कारण मखाना की खेती के समय वर्षा के पानी की घटती उपलब्धता ने भूजल आधारित सिंचाई पर किसानों की निर्भरता बढा दी है। जिससे इसकी खेती में लागत बढ़ती जा रही है। बढ़ते वातावरणीय तापमान ने इस समस्या को और गंभीर बना दिया है। जिससे मखाना की उत्पादकता प्रभावित हो रही है हालांकि इन चुनौतियों के बावजूद मखाने की तेजी से बढ़ रही वैश्विक मांग व कीमत के कारण इसकी खेती और उद्योग में व्यवसायिक संभावनाएं बढ़ती ही जा रही हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि सिंघाड़ा की नई दो प्रजातियों से उत्पादन में वृद्धि होगी।

मखाना अनुसंधान केंद्र के निदेशक नचिकेता कोतवालीवाले ने कहा कि मखाने की खेती, प्रसंस्करण व मूल्य

संवर्धन में निहित आर्थिक लाभों को देखते हुए पिछले पांच वर्षों में इसकी खेती का क्षेत्र लगभग दोगुना हो गया है। मखाने की उत्पादकता व इसकी खेती से होने वाली शुद्ध आय में भी अप्रत्याशित वृद्धि हुई है। इस दौरान भारी संख्या में नये किसान व उद्यमी मखाने की खेती व व्यवसाय से जुड़े हैं। संगोष्ठी में मखाना जलीय पुस्तक का विमोचन किया गया। कार्यक्रम में पंजाब, हरियाणा, जम्मू-कश्मीर सहित बिहार के कई प्रांतों से किसानों ने संगोष्ठी में भाग लिया। प्रदर्शनी में 30 विभिन्न प्रकार के स्टाल लगाए गए थे। जिसमें मखाना से तैयार प्रोडक्ट को दिखाया गया था। संगोष्ठी में मखाना खेती के साथ मछली और सिंघाड़ा की खेती पर भी प्रकाश डाला गया।

मुख्यमंत्री ने बाढ़ से फसलों के नुकसान की भरपाई के लिए कृषि इनपुट के रुपए ट्रांसफर किए 1.52 लाख किसानों के खातों में 101 करोड़ भेजे गए

पॉलिटिकल रिपोर्टर पटना

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सिंचित क्षेत्र के लिए 17 हजार

बाढ़ पीड़ित प्रति किसान को सिंचित क्षेत्र के लिए 17 हजार, असिंचित क्षेत्र के लिए 8500 रुपए तथा शाश्वत फसल के लिए 22 हजार 500 रुपए प्रति हेक्टेयर के हिसाब से कृषि इनपुट अनुदान दिया जा रहा है। हरेक किसान को अधिकतम 2 हेक्टेयर के लिए अनुदान दिया



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पटना| मुख्यमंत्री नीतीश कुमार ने मंगलवार को रबी महाभियान 2024-25 की शुरुआत की। 18 किसान जागरुकता वाहनों को रवाना किया। इसके जरिए किसानों को खेती की नई तकनीक से लेकर खेत में पुआल जलाने के नुकसान तक के बारे में बताया जाएगा।

आधिकारिक जानकारी के मुताबिक, इस महाभियान के दौरान किसानों को रबी मौसम से जुड़ी कृषि विभाग की योजनाओं की जानकारी दी जाएगी। फसल अवशेष (पुआल/पराली आदि) प्रबंधन एवं खेतों में पुआल को जलाने से मिट्टी तथा पर्यावरण को होने वाले नुकसान के प्रति जागरूक किया जाएगा। उनको रबी फसलों की तकनीकी जानकारी, जैविक खेती, मौसम के अनुकूल खेती आदि के बारे में बताया जाएगा; चतुर्थ कृषि रोडमैप के विभिन्न आयामों से अवगत कराया जाएगा।









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Operation Greens falls short: Only 34% of budget spent as onion prices plunge, potato shortages persist

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The parliamentary committee report calls out the government for failing to meet agricultural infrastructure targets as 65% budget was unspent in three-quarters

The government's flagship Operation Greens scheme, designed to stabilise crop prices and benefit farmers, has spent just 34 per cent of its allocated budget for 2024-25, according to a parliamentary report, even as onion farmers in Maharashtra reel from massive losses and potato shortages grip eastern states. Launched in 2018, the scheme aimed to increase farmers' earnings and their share of what consumers pay for the crops by creating farm gate infrastructure, which allows farmers to store goods until



they get better prices, like storage facilities. It also planned to develop a value chain and initially focused on tomatoes, onions, and potatoes (TOP) to reduce extreme price fluctuations and post-harvest losses. In 2021-22, the scheme was expanded to cover 22 perishable crops.

Centre approves Operation Green pilot in 8 states

However, the scheme's performance remains underwhelming, highlighted a report by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Food Processing tabled on December 17, 2024. Only Rs 59.44 crore of the Rs 173.40 crore allocated budget had been utilised by October 11, 2024, representing just 34.27 per cent of the Budget Estimate (BE), noted the committee, headed by Member of Parliament Charanjit Singh Channi, who belongs to the Indian National Congress.

With 65.73 per cent of the budget remaining, the Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under which the scheme falls, may struggle to comply with the Department of Expenditure guidelines, which prescribe quarterly expenditure ceilings, the report said. Moreover, of the 10 operational projects targeted for completion this financial year, only three had been completed as of October 14, 2024.

Source: https://www.downtoearth.org.in/agriculture/operation-greens-falls-short-only-34-of-budget-spent-as-onion-prices-plunge-potato-shortages-persist

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Centre launches 10,000 new PACS, eyes 2 lakh target before 5-year timelines

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New Delhi: Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched 10,000 new multi-purpose Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) on Wednesday and asserted that the government will achieve its target of establishing 2 lakh such societies before the five-year timeline. Addressing the launch event, Shah said prosperity through cooperation cannot be achieved unless cooperatives function effectively at the panchayat level. "We have kept a target of setting up 2 lakhs PACS in five years. I want to tell you that we will establish 2 lakhs PACS in five years. In three months, we established 10,000 new PACS," the minister said.

The initiative will be rolled out in two phases, with NABARD establishing 32,750 new M-PACS in the first phase, while NDDB will set up 56,500 dairy cooperatives and NFDB 6,000 fishery cooperatives. In the second phase, NABARD will create 45,000 M-PACS, NDDB will establish 46,000 dairy cooperatives and NFDB 5,500 fishery cooperatives. State governments will form about 25,000 new cooperatives, he added.

Shah also released standard operating procedures (SOP) for the liquidation of defunct PACS, which will enable the setting up of new societies in 15,000 villages. Under current norms, a second PACS cannot be established in villages where one already exists unless declared defunct. The minister distributed registration certificates, micro ATMs and RuPay Kisan Credit Cards to the newly established cooperative societies. Shah also highlighted the importance of digitalisation in the sector, noting that the government has already computerised existing PACS and integrated them with 32 different initiatives. However, he stressed that technology alone is not enough. "We have computerised, given software and started different schemes. However, cooperatives cannot operate, if there is no trained manpower," he said, urging societies to utilise the new training module. So far, 11,695 PACS have registered under new model laws, he added. The minister also recalled the contribution made to the cooperative sector on the 100th birth anniversary of late former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He added that the 97th Amendment to the Constitution was brought during Vajpayee's regime to give a push to the cooperative sector.

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Farmers borrowing more from banks and are creditworthy

Gayatri Nayak

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Bad loans from agricultural lending have decreased by 2-4 percentage points across bank groups between FY20 and FY24. This is despite farmers increasingly borrowing from the formal sector. Outstanding agricultural loans rose faster than corporate loans at an average rate of 15.2% after the Covid period compared to a contraction or a single digit annual growth in corporate loans during the pandemic. The number of farmers' accounts opting for credit through institutional sources increased by 381 lakh from March 2020 to March 2024. A large number of urban labourers moved back to their rural homes post Covid, fostering growth in agricultural activities. According to the finance ministry's replies to questions raised in the Lok Sabha, decreasing nonperforming assets during this period indicates an improvement in farmers' repaying capacity.

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NPA Share in the Banking sector (%)							
Year	Commercial Banks		rative nks	Regional Rural Banks			
2019-20	10.10	7.	99	8.72			
2023-24	6.20	5.32		6.65			
Trends in Agricultural Credit							
Year	Agri Loans Outstanding (₹ cr)		Number of Borrower Accounts (cr)				
2019-20	20,58,730		14.94				
2020-21	22,77,428			15.32			
2021-22	25,13,499			16.12			
2022-23	28,88,173			17.41			
2023-24	33,52,64	46		18.75 ^{BCCL}			
Source: Government of India							

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Nano urea demand pegged at 2.36 crore bottle for rabi season

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The country's nano urea requirement for the ongoing 2024-25 rabi season is estimated at 2.36 crore bottles of 500

ml each, with Uttar Pradesh leading the demand, government data shows. The maximum requirement is from Uttar Pradesh at 43.38 lakh bottles, followed by Maharashtra (34.7 lakh bottles) and Punjab (20.82 lakh bottles). Haryana and Karnataka are estimated to require 17.35 lakh bottles each, while Rajasthan needs 15.01 lakh bottles and Madhya Pradesh 12.54 lakh bottles for this season. However, no requirement has been reported from Gujarat, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Dadar & Nagar Haveli, and Andaman & Nicobar.The country currently has six operational nano urea plants with a combined annual capacity of 27.22 crore bottles. Three plants were commissioned in 2024 -- Meghmani



Crop Nutrition's plant with a capacity of 5 crore bottles, Zuari Farm Hub and Coromandel International Ltd facilities with capacities of 0.12 crore bottles and 0.60 crore bottles, respectively.

IFFCO, a cooperative fertilizer company, operates the remaining three plants, commissioned between 2021 and 2023. These include India's first nano urea plant at Kalol, Gujarat, with a 5 crore bottle capacity, and facilities at Phulpur and Aonla in Uttar Pradesh. The government is promoting the establishment of additional nano urea plants to boost domestic production. The rabi season, which begins sowing in October and harvests from April onwards, primarily produces wheat, barley, gram, and rapeseed mustard.

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Youth must take up farming and allied activities

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Hyderabad: Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar has said that farmers must be involved in marketing their produce so they can reap benefits. Addressing at Krishi Vigyan Kendra located at Tuniki during a meeting with organic farmers on Wednesday, the Vice-President observed that farmers must market their own produce. Dhankhar said that the younger generation of the farming fraternity should be involved in agricultural and marketing activities.He called upon the ICAR, other research institutes, and universities to study how best the farmers could add value to their produce. He expressed his concern saying that agriculture was not transforming though there were agriculture



research institutes and scientists in the country. He interacted with organic farmers after going through the products exhibited by them during the programme.

Saying that former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee declared December 23 as National Farmer's Day in 2001 honouring former Prime Minister Charan Singh, he said that the Union government is going to celebrate the silver jubilee celebrations next year by involving 730 KVKs, 150 ICAR institutes, Universities, and other institutes. Dhankhar said that the officials must ensure the fruits of welfare schemes should reach the farmer's fraternity. He said that everyone should play a role in achieving the goals of Viksit Bharat-2047. The Vice-President said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised the 'vocal for local' slogan inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's Swadeshi Movement. Stating that India will emerge as the third biggest economy soon, he said the farming fraternity must also contribute to India's growth

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