

Kisan Mela cum Awareness Programme on “Pradhan Mantri Phasal Bima Yojana”

(Ramgarh, 4th April, 2016)

One day Kisan mela and awareness programme on “Pradhan Mantri Phasal Bima Yojana” was organized by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (ICAR Research Complex for Eastern Region), Ramgarh at Mandu on 4th April, 2016. Sri Jayant Sinha, Hon’ble Minister of State for Finance, Govt. of India and Member of Parliament, Hazaribagh, graced the occasion as Chief Guest. This event was organized in collaboration with



ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Kolkata in which more than 600 farmers, representatives from NGOs from Ramgarh district of Jharkhand participated. Hon’ble Minister highlighted the benefits of Pradhan Mantri Phasal Bima Yojana, under which the farmers have to pay a very low premium for insuring their crops *i.e.*, 2% for *Kharif* crops, 1.5% for *Rabi* crops and 5% for commercial and horticultural crops. He also ensured the farmers that the schemes like Pradhan Mantri Phasal Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Sichai Yojana, Soil



Health Card Yojana, Gram Sadak Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana & Kisan Credit Card will surely double the income of the farmers in the near future. Hon’ble Minister presented Soil Health Card to progressive farmer Sri Rachia Mahto from Gola Block, Ramgarh and explained the advantages of soil testing.

Earlier, Dr Arun Kumar Singh, Head, ICAR RCER, Research Centre, Ranchi welcomed the dignitaries and the farmers. He summarized about the activities undertaken by KVK Ramgarh for the benefit of the farmers. Sri Amarendra Gupta, Member NABARD, Ranchi was also present on this occasion.



The Minister also visited exhibitions stalls of ICAR Institutes and other agencies and interacted with the scientists and development officials.

A *Kisan gosthi* was also organized on this occasion. In this Gosthi, scientists from ICAR-RCER, Research Centre, Ranchi (Dr S.K. Naik, Dr S. Mourya, Dr (Mrs.) P. Bhavana, Dr J.S. Choudhary and Dr M.K. Dhakar), SMS from KVK Ramgarh (Dr Dushyant Raghav, Dr. Indrajeet Prajapati and Dr Dharamjit Kherwar), officials from Govt. of Jharkhand and NABARD, Ranchi interacted with the farmers.

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