

VISIT OF CENTRAL MINISTER FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE

(Buxar, 15th July 2018)

Sh. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Hon'ble Central Minister of State for Health & Family Welfare, GOI visited KRISHI VIGYAN KENDRA, Buxar on 15th July, 2018 and reviewed KVK, Buxar in a review meeting. Dr. V. Dwivdi, Programme Coordinator, KVK, Buxar welcomed the Hon'ble Minister and briefed about the various activities undertaken by the KVK for the last 05 years. He also briefed about the ongoing activities viz. NICRA, CSISA, CFLD (NFSM & NMOOP), Seed Hub, CRP on FM & PF, Custom Hiring Centre, IARI-Post Office Farmers Linkage Programme and various extension activities conducted by the KVK Buxar.

Hon'ble Minister expressed happiness over the work undertaken by the KVK. He emphasized upon need to create awareness among the farmers about Soil Health Card, PMFBY, PMKSY, PMKVY, FPO, Organic Farming/*Parampargat Krishi Vikas Yojna*, etc. and stated the need to pay



more attention on how to manage crop residue. He was informed that KVK is paying attention on dissemination of residue management technologies to avoid burning of paddy straws in the field and use of happy seeder machine for sowing wheat without burning paddy straw.



Hon'ble MoS interacted with the progressive farmers of Buxar district. Mr. Manoj Kumar, a successful beekeeper appraised about his success after taking skilled training on beekeeping from KVK, Buxar. Now he is keeping 600 honeybee boxes and earning more than Rs.12 Lakhs/annum. Mr. Rakesh Singh, a progressive farmer narrated the technologies which are being transferred from KVK, Buxar for the benefits of farmers of the district. Mr.

Kamlesh Pandey, a progressive farmer explained about the adoption and benefits of zero tillage wheat technology.

Hon'ble Minister also visited mini soil testing lab, Seed Processing Plant, Beekeeping unit, Integrated Farming System Module and high density orchard of guava. On his arrival, he planted a *Rudrakhs (Elaeocarpus ganitrus)* in KVK campus. Dr. Deokaran, SMS (Soil Science), Mr. Hari Govind, SMS (Plant Breeding) and Dr. Mandhata Singh, SMS (Agronomy) were also present along with some progressive farmers.