

Union Agriculture Minister laid out Foundation Stone of Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Vidisha

The Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan Ji laid out the foundation stone for new Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) at Berkhedhi Jetu in Vidisha (Madhya Pradesh) on 14 June 2026.



On this occasion, the Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan Ji reminded the gathering that 14th June is a historical day for all of us and this newly created Krishi Vigyan Kendra will serve as centre of excellence for our country. He urged upon the farmers to adopt modern techniques of agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, fisheries etc and their integration in the farm of integrated farming system (IFS) to enhance income as well as family earnings and livelihood. He also stressed upon to maximise the use of mobile app. He emphasized that as per guidelines of roadmap the KVK at Vidisha will serve as learning centre for farmers in our country and will be versatile in nature comprising of Agri clinic, demonstrations on soil & water management, use of artificial intelligence (AI), skill development, customized hiring centre, source of grafted nursery, seed production unit, crop diversification cafeteria, mushroom growing, source of capacity building etc which in turn enhance the living standard of farmers. He also praised the activities going-on on the theme 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' and urged upon the farmers to go for soil testing, use of soil health card, e FARM App, organic farming, natural farming, use of biofertilizer in order to sustain soil fertility, soil quality and soil health as a result to optimize fertilizer use, crop productivity, overall production and farm income.

On this occasion, Shri AS Kansana Ji (Agriculture Minister for Farmers Welfare and Agricultural Development, Madhya Pradesh) appreciated the efforts of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji and Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan Ji for having KVK in Vidisha and development of Madhya Pradesh. Shri AS Kansana Ji urged upon farmers to go for soil testing through soil testing laboratories (STL) in the state and to work in favour of 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' to sustain soil health and overall well-being of earth for future generation. Shri Mukesh Tandon Ji expressed his gratitude to both Prime Minister as well as Cabinet Agriculture Minister for their decision to create new KVK at Vidisha, Hon'ble MLAs from Madhya Pradesh also expressed their happiness over newly created Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Vidisha.

Dr ML Jat (Secretary DARE and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi) stated that newly created Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Vidisha set a milestone in the history that will serve as the centre to transfer latest agricultural technologies to the farmers. He congratulated the farmers of Vidisha for having such new KVK and urged upon them to take guidance on modern techniques of agriculture from this KVK in coming future. Dr Rajbir Singh (Deputy Director General, Agricultural Extension, ICAR, New Delhi) expressed his happiness over initiation of new Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Vidisha. He further stated that this KVK will serve as model KVK in terms of seed production, demonstrations, hi-tech nursery, custom hiring centre, training, processing for value addition, marketing, incubation artificial Intelligence (AI) centre etc. Dr SRK Singh (Director, ATARI, Jabalpur) stated the importance of 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' and role of Krishi Vigyan Kendra in dissemination of latest agricultural technologies to the farming community. It was followed by distribution of inputs, soil health cards, and; prize and certificate to the beneficiary farmers, women and students for excellent work in

their field. On this occasion plant saplings were planted by the dignitaries and observed the demonstration on e-FARM in the field at the venue. They also visited the stalls and exhibits presented by the KVKs, ICAR Institutes, SAUs, State Government etc.

Dr Monoranjan Mohanty (Director, IISS, Bhopal) expressed his happiness over creation of new Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Vidisha and expressed his gratitude towards Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan Ji and esteemed dignitaries, ICAR Officials from Headquarter, state government officials and farmers.

