

**“NEW INDIA MANTHAN - SANKALP Se SIDDHI” Programme organized at BHU, Varanasi on 27-08-2017**

Today on 27-08-2017, “New India Manthan- Sankalp se Sidhhi” programme was jointly organized by NDAUAT, Faizabad Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Varanasi; ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur and Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi in the historical Swantantra Bhavan of BHU. Total 4000 participants including 3000 farmers, farm women, rural youth besides the scientists from ICAR institutes, KVK scientists, officials of line departments, students and others attended this programme. The state and district agricultural department officials also contributed immensely for making the programme a grand success.



Hon’ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Shi Radha Mohan Singh



Ji inaugurated this programme. In his address, Sh. Radha Mohan Singh highlighted the historical link of Sankalp se Siddhi from getting the independence of the country in 1947 to the commitments of Nation for farmers’ development especially doubling their farm income by the year 2022. He avowed the large crowd of audience about the messages of Hon’ble Primie

Minister which was structured as “Sankalp se Siddhi”. While addressing the farmers’ gathering, Hon’ble Minister emphasized how the Government of India has conceptualized, planned and now delivering the ambitious programmes for the benefits of farmers in the major areas of improved crop varieties, soil health, irrigation, minimizing the post harvest losses, offering remunerative price, reducing the marketing middlemen and other related issues. Sh. Radha Mohan Singh Ji has also highlighted the commitments of Government for strengthening the research and extension systems of country by establishing the institutions of frontier areas. He further urged the farmers how to integrate the intercropping, agroforestry, integrated farming system approach and use of modern and new technologies for enhancing their income from agriculture. Lastly, he called upon the esteemed audience that lets make a pledge that the Sankalp of Government



of India for doubling the farmers' income in coming five years in mission mode so that the commitments may be translated to Siddhi i.e. accomplishment of the goal.



During the event, a short film on "Sankalp se Siddhi" was also screened for the benefit of audience. Attending participants were also shown the clippings of patriotic films of the country.

On this occasion, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor of Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

Dr. Girish Chandra Tripathi apprised the gathering of commitments of Government of India for Farmers' benefits in the form of different programmes and also how this premier university is aligning its priority towards farmers' benefits.

Dr. US Gautam, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kanpur at the outset welcome the Chief Guest, other dignitaries and participating farmers and delegates.



The programme ended with the formal vote of thanks by Dr. Akhtar Haseeb, VC, NDUAT, Faizabad.