



# **REPORT ON THE PRE-RABI KISAN SAMMELAN - 2015**

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The Pre-Kisan Sammelan - 2015 was started along with the starting up of the registration of the participants at 08.00 AM on 05.12.2015. The Inaugural Session of the Programme began from 10.30 AM through the Welcome Address delivered by Prof. Sarthak Chowdhury, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati and In-Charge, Rathindra KVK, Visva-Bharati. Prof. Chowdhury reminded the audience about the thinkings and efforts of Rathindra Nath Tagore, after whose name the KVK was named, over a century back. The Special Address on this occasion was delivered by the Chief Guest of the occasion Minister-in-Charge, Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of West Bengal, Mr. Chandranath Sinha who lucidly flashed the importance and relevance of the Pre-Rabi Kisan Sammelan – 2015. Another Special Address was delivered by Mr. Bikash Roychowdhury, Sabhadhipati, Birbhum Zillah Parishad, Suri, Birbhum who emphasized the importance of modern and scientific agricultural practices for sustainable agricultural production. He lauded the efforts of the Rathindra KVK in improving the agriculture and related sectors activities in the District of Birbhum. The Presidential Address was delivered by Prof. Sushanta Dattagupta, Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati who emphasized the urgency of the need of maintain soil health by the farming community. He gave historical instances of Rabindranath Tagore and Rathindra Nath Tagore giving due importance on maintain soil health over a century back. The renowned Scientist and Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Visva-Bharati, Prof. Swapan Kumar Datta delivered a very attractive as well as interactive lecture on Soil Health Management in the Context of Recent Agricultural Practices. Prof. Sudhendu Mondal, Provost, Science and Agriculture, Visva-Bharati tried to make the farmers aware about the importance of soil conservation practices giving instances of the long history of agricultural education in India especially at Visva-Bharati from the ages of Rabindranath Tagore and Rathindra Nath Tagore. Dr. Shyamal Kumar Mandal, Principal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata lauded the efforts of the Rathindra KVK in disseminating messages about the importance of the soil health and preparation and handing over the Soil Health cards to the farmers of the District of Birbhum as well as the importance of the Pre-Rabi Kisan Sammelan organized by the Rathindra KVK.

All the distinguished guests released seventeen (17) numbers of items of Extension Literatures like Booklets, Leaflets on various topics ranging from soil health management, improved package of practices of field crops, improved package of practices of horticultural crops, scientific methods of animal rearing, scientific methods of fish production, good agricultural practices etc.

The Exhibition Stalls organized for the Pre-Rabi Kisan sammelan – 2015 were well stocked with various preserved specimens of fishes, laminated display charts, poster flexes, seeds in seed display containers, various traditional varieties of seeds displayed in composite container, extension literatures like booklets, leaflets etc. and the farm implements like Zero Tillage Seed-cum-fertilizer Drill, Rotavator, Drum Seeder, Cono Weeder, Disk Harrow, Mould Board Plough etc. and the newly acquired Mini-Digital Soil Analyser “Mriddhaparikshak” etc.

The Rathindra KVK, Birbhum has also organized a Vegetable and Crop Show starting from 8.00 AM on the occasion of the Pre-Rabi Kisan Sammelan – 2015 on 05.12.2015. A large number of entries were made possible by the interested farmers who have deposited a large number of vegetables and crops for judgement. Prizes were given to best entries to encourage the farmers for better vegetable cultivation.

After a short Tea Break, the Session for handing over the Soil Health Cards to the farmers was started from 12.15 PM. All the distinguished guests handed over the Soil Health Cards to the Farmers starting from the Minister-in-Charge, Dept. of Fisheries, Govt. of West Bengal, Mr. Chandranath Sinha, then Prof. Sushanta Dattagupta, Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati and Mr. Bikash Roychowdhury, Sabhadhipati, Birbhum Zillah Parishad, Suri, Birbhum. All other renowned Guests also handed over the Soil Health Cards to the farmers. Altogether 252 (Two hundred fifty two) farmers were handed over the Soil Health cards.

The after lunch Session was started at 2.00 PM when the present audience was given thorough glimpses of the Exhibitions showcasing the various Technologies and products at the Exhibition Stalls. The results of the Vegetable and Crop Show were also announced. Dr. Dulal Chandra Manna, Programme Coordinator, Rathindra KVK, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati gave the vote of thanks to all who has tried hard to make this Programme a success.

Farmers were happy with the VDO shows on different technologies. The Programme came to an end at 3.30 PM. A total number of 265 (Two hundred sixty five) numbers of participant farmers from various corners of the Birbhum District attended the Programme.

**Farmers getting Registered for the Pre-Rabi Kisan Sammelan – 2015 being organized  
by the Rathindra KVK, Birbhum on 05.12.2015**



**Exhibition Stall at the Pre-Rabi Kisan Sammelan – 2015 being organized by the Rathindra KVK, Birbhum on 05.12.2015**



**Dignitaries on the Dias of the Pre-Rabi Kisan Sammelan – 2015 being organized by the Rathindra KVK, Birbhum on 05.12.2015**



**Lightening the Lamp at the Inaugural Session of the Pre-Rabi Kisan Sammelan – 2015**  
**being organized by the Rathindra KVK, Birbhum on 05.12.2015**



**Extension Literatures being released on the Occasion of the Pre-Rabi Kisan Sammelan**  
**– 2015 being organized by the Rathindra KVK, Birbhum on 05.12.2015 by the**  
**Dignitaries**



**The Farmers present at the Pre-Rabi Kisan Sammelan – 2015 being organized by the Rathindra KVK, Birbhum on 05.12.2015**



**The Chief Guest, Mr. Chandranath Sinha, Minister-in-Charge, Dept. Of Fisheries, Govt. of West Bengal addressing the Audience at the Pre-Rabi Kisan Sammelan – 2015 being organized by the Rathindra KVK, Birbhum on 05.12.2015**



**Mr. Bikash Roychowdhury, Sabhadhipati, Birbhum Zillah Parishad addressing the Audience at the Pre-Rabi Kisan Sammelen – 2015 being organized by the Rathindra KVK, Birbhum on 05.12.2015**



**Dr. Shyamal Kumar Mandal, Principal Scientist, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata addressing the Farmers at the Pre-Rabi Kisan Sammelan – 2015 being organized by the Rathindra KVK, Birbhum on 05.12.2015**



**The Soil Health Card prepared by the Rathindra KVK, Birbhum was being handed over to a Farmer by Honourable Vice-Chancellor of Visva-Bharati, Prof. Sushanta Dattagupta at the Pre-Rabi Kisan Sammelan – 2015 being organized by the Rathindra KVK, Birbhum on 05.12.2015**



