



**Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra**  
**Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture)**  
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**Visit of Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Development of North Eastern Region, Govt. of India on the occasion of release of the 17th Instalment of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi on 18<sup>th</sup>. June, 2024**

Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Development of North Eastern Region, Govt. of India visited Rathindra Kri Vigyan Kendra, Birbhum on the occasion of release of the 17th Instalment of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi on 18<sup>th</sup>. June, 2024 in Varanasi, U.P. through Virtual Mode and Virtual Interaction between Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and Farming Community of Birbhum District. In this occasion, Prof. Arabinda Mondal, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (Acting), Visva-Bharati, Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata, Prof. Binoy Kumar Saren, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati and Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist & Head, Rathindra KVK, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati along with all staff of Rathindra KVK were present. Different Senior Officials from University and others (16 nos.) were also present. Moreover, 620 nos. of farmers and farm women were present at the Programme. Among them 382 nos. of female and 238 nos. of male farmers enjoyed the mega event.

Before attending the main programme, Hon'ble Minister took part in plantation of a **Bakul** tree in the Rathindra KVK premises. After that he visited the Rathindra KVK Office, Administrative Building and associated Demonstration Units. He took interest in different activities of Rathindra KVK like Beekeeping, Vermicomposting, Animal Rearing, Fisheries, Millets and Natural Farming.

At this august gathering, Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist & Head, Rathindra KVK, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati welcomed all the dignitaries and participants of the Programme. Prof. Arabinda Mondal, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor (Acting), Visva-Bharati, Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, ICAR-ATARI, Kolkata and Prof. Binoy Kumar Saren, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati explained the significance of the Programme of the Day and also the importance of PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi Scheme in the economic lives of the farmers and farm women.

In his speech, Dr. Majumdar expressed his satisfaction seeing the linkage between RKVK, Birbhum and farmers particularly a greater number of female farmers. He felicitated 10 nos. of farmers and farm women for their exemplary roles in modernization and development of farming and allied sectors of the economy of Birbhum District. He advised the farmers and farm women present for giving more focus on crop diversification. Dr. Majumdar encouraged all the farmers and farm women of the Birbhum District to take advantage of PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi Scheme. The PM Kisan Samman Nidhi has become the World's largest Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Scheme. To date, Rs. 3.04 Lakh Crore has been deposited into the bank accounts of 11 Crores of farmers' families across the country through previous 16 numbers of Instalments.

After being sworn in as Prime Minister for the 3<sup>rd</sup>. time, Honourable Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi signed his first Official File authorizing the release of the 17<sup>th</sup>. instalment of PM Kisan Nidhi reflecting the commitment of the Union Government towards farmers' welfare. In continuation of this commitment, the Prime Minister released the 17<sup>th</sup>. instalment amounting to more than Rs. 20,000 crores to around 9.26 crore beneficiary farmers and farm women under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) through Direct Benefit Transfer.

Honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed Kisan Samman Sammelan in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh on the occasion of release of the 17<sup>th</sup>. instalment of PM KISAN amounting to more than Rs 20,000 crores on 18<sup>th</sup>. June, 2024. The Prime Minister also granted certificates to more than 30,000 women from Self Help Groups (SHGs) as Krishi Sakhis. Krishi Sakhi Convergence Program (KSCP) aims to transform rural India through the empowerment of rural women as Krishi Sakhi, by imparting training and certification of Krishi Sakhis as Para-extension Workers. This certification course also aligns with the objectives of the 'Lakshpati Didi' Program. This Scheme has currently been implemented in 12 States. In the future, thousands more Groups across the country will be linked to it. This campaign will also aid in creating 3 Crores 'Lakshpati Didis'.

Her Excellency Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben Patel, Honourable Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Yogi Adityanath, Honourable Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Shivraj Singh Chauhan, Honourable Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Bhagirath Choudhary, Honourable Deputy Chief Ministers of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Keshav Prasad Maurya and Shri Brajesh Pathak and Honourable Ministers from Government of Uttar Pradesh were present on this occasion among other dignitaries.

The Interactive Webcasting of the Programme being held in Varanasi was transmitted at the Rathindra KVK Campus, Visva-Bharati, Birbhum with the Technical Expertise of National Informatics Centre (NIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India, Birbhum District and active participation of the Staff of Rathindra KVK.



**Tree Plantation by Hon'ble Minister at Rathindra KVK Campus**



**Visit of Hon'ble Minister at Rathindra KVK**



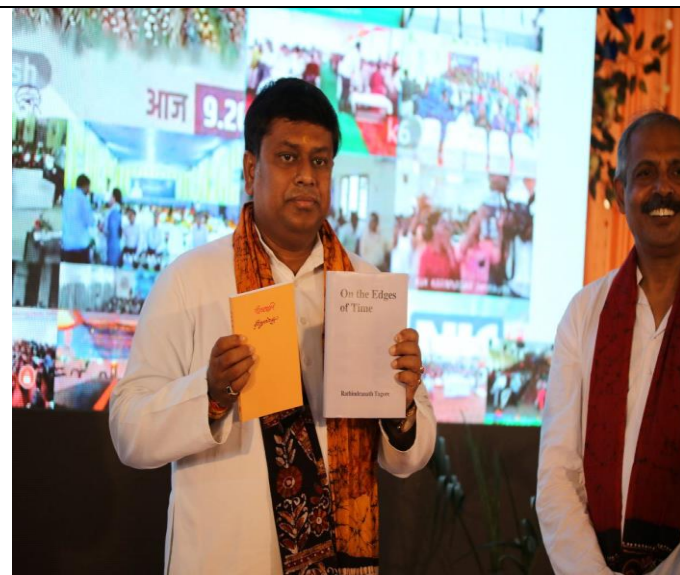
**Hon'ble Minister with the Staff of the Rathindra KVK**



**Hon'ble Minister Dr. Sukanta Majumdar visiting the Office Campus of the Rathindra KVK**



**Group Photo of Staff of Rathindra KVK with Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Development of North Eastern Region, Govt. of India**



**Hon'ble Minister felicitating farmers and farm women for their exemplary roles in modernization and development of farming and allied sectors of the economy of Birbhum District Certificate Distribution to the Farmers by Hon'ble Minister**

**Hon'ble Minister being felicitated with "Gitanjali" authored Shri Rabindranath Tagore, Founder of Visva-Bharati and "On the Edges of Time", authored by Shri Rathindranath Tagore, First Vice-Chancellor of Visva-Bharati as a Central University**



**Speech of Hon'ble PM Shri Narendra Modi during the release of 17<sup>th</sup> Instalment of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi**

**Farmers and Farm Women gathering at Rathindra KVK**



**Address by Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, Hon'ble Union Minister of State in the Ministry of Education and Development of North Eastern Region, Govt. of India**

**A Part of the Attending Farmers and Farm Women at the Interactive webcasting of the release of the 17<sup>th</sup> Instalment of PM-KISAN by the Honourable Prime Minister**