



Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra
Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture)
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Celebration of National Farmers' Day – 2023 on 23.12.2023

Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati organized the celebration of the Kisan Samman Diwas on 23.12.2022 at the Rathindra KVK campus. In this programme 73 numbers of practicing farmers and farm women and 10 numbers of other officials participated.

Kisan Diwas also known as National Farmers' Day is celebrated on 23rd December every year to mark the Birth Anniversary of the 5th Prime Minister of India, Shri. Choudhary Charan Singh. Shri Charan Singh was born on 23rd December, 1902 to Shri Meer Singh and Smt. Netra Kaur in Nurpur village of Meerut District, United Provinces (U. P.) (now Uttar Pradesh) of Agra and Oudh. His father was a small farmer. Shri Charan Singh served Uttar Pradesh in various capacities and won a reputation as a hard taskmaster who would not tolerate inefficiency, nepotism, and corruption in administration. A gifted parliamentarian and a pragmatist, Shri Charan Singh is known for his eloquence and courage of conviction. Shri Charan Singh was the chief architect of land reforms in U.P.; he took a leading part in formulation and finalisation of the Dept. Redemption Bill 1939, which brought great relief to rural debtors. It was also at his initiative that the salaries and other privileges enjoyed by Ministers in U.P. were drastically reduced. As Chief Minister of U.P. for two times, Shri Singh was instrumental in bringing about the Land Holding Act 1960 which was aimed at lowering the ceiling on land holdings to make it uniform throughout the State. Few political leaders in the country could match Shri Charan Singh in their command of popular will at the grass-roots level. A dedicated public worker and staunch believer in social justice, Shri Charan Singh's strength stemmed essentially from the confidence he enjoyed among millions of peasants.

Shri Chaudhary Charan Singh led a simple life and spent his spare time reading and writing. He was the author of several books and pamphlets, including 'Abolition of Zamindari', 'Co-operative Farming X-rayed', 'India's Poverty and its Solution', 'Peasant Proprietorship or Land to the Workers' and 'Prevention of Division of Holdings Below a Certain Minimum'.

This day of 23rd December is observed to honor and pay tribute to the Indian farmers, who are considered as the nation's backbone.

At first, Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist and Head of Rathindra KVK welcomed the participants and spelt out the significance of the day. After that, Prof. Arun Kumar Barik, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and In-Charge, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati pointed out the importance of farming sector in national economy and related important issues and the historic role played by Shri Charan Singh in strengthening this Sector of Indian economy.

Two Senior farmers, viz. Sri Jogen Ghosh, resident of Village – Kartickdanga, P. O. – Raipur, Block – Bolpur - Sriniketan, District – Birbhum (with farming experience of more than 30 Years) and Sri Gangadhar Bashuri, resident of Village – Chella, P. O. – Daronda, Block – Bolpur - Illambazar, District – Birbhum (with farming experience of more than 30 Years), attached with Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra since its inception in 1994 were awarded "Certificate for life-time Achievement" by the Kendra for their immense contribution to the cause of farming community of Birbhum District.

The Programme was conducted by Dr. Prabuddha Ray, Subject Matter Specialist (Agricultural Extension), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati. The programme was ended with proper vote of thanks proposed by Dr. Ray.



Welcome Address by Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist and Head of Rathindra KVK



Participating Farmers and Farm Women attending the National Farmers' Day 2023 on 23.12.2023 at Rathindra KVK, Birbhum



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