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**Report on Felicitation of Key Lead Farmers and Farm Women for organization of Viksit Krishi
Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) for Kharif Season on 07.09.2025**

Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Birbhum felicitated 19 (Nineteen) Key Lead Farmers and Farm Women, out of which 13 (Thirteen) Key Lead Farmers and 4 (Four) Key Lead Farm Women; totalling 17 (Seventeen) Persons, from various reputed Farmers' Procures' Companies (FPCs), Farmers' Producers' Organizations (FPOs), Co-operative Societies, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Senior Community Resource Persons (CRPs) of Anandadhara Project of Govt. of West Bengal, Community Resource Persons (CRPs) of Anandadhara Project of Govt. of West Bengal etc. of Birbhum District, who contributed hugely to the implementation of the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) for Kharif Season in Birbhum District in the State of West Bengal.

The Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan is a nationwide Campaign launched to modernize Indian Agriculture through scientific outreach, sustainable practices, and farmer empowerment. It is a significant nationwide initiative launched by the Government of India, primarily led by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). It aims to modernize Indian Agriculture, empower farmers, and contribute to the vision of a "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) by 2047. Its aim is to cover over 65,000 villages across 723 districts and to directly engage more than 1.3 crore farmers, fostering the adoption of scientific farming practices and promoting sustainable agricultural growth. It aligns with the vision of making India the "Food Basket of the World" through science-backed, climate-resilient, and farmer-centric agriculture. The Programme was scheduled from May 29th, 2025 to June 12th, 2025.

During the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan for Kharif Season, 2025, the Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra outreached to 15,512 Numbers of Practicing Farmers and 5,918 Numbers of Practicing farm Women, totalling 21,469 Numbers of members of Farming Community from 446 Numbers of Villages from all the 19 Numbers of Blocks of Birbhum District with assistance from 536 numbers of Scientists and Technical Personnel from Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR); Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati and Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra itself at 65 predetermined locations from 29th. May to 12th. June, 2025.

The Programme at the Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra was presided over by Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati along with the august presence of Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Kolkata; Prof. Binoy Kumar Saren, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and In-Charge, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati; Dr. Feroze Hasan Rahman, Principal Scientist & Head, ICAR- National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (NBSS&LUP), Regional Centre, Kolkata and Prof. Biswapati

Mandal, Department of Agricultural Chemistry and Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (BCKV), West Bengal. A large numbers of retired and present Faculties from Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati were also present.

The participants were welcomed by Dr. Subrata Mandal, Senior Scientist and Head, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra. Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati delivered the Presidential Address for the Programme. Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh also started the formal process of felicitation by “Barana” through draping the “Üttariya” in the neck of the felicitated Person (In true “Saniniketani” Tradition) and handing over of a Memento depicting Gurudev Shri Rabnindranath Tagore’s (Founder of Visva-Bharati) framed Picture. All the dignitaries present felicitated the Key Lead Farmers and Farm Women, who contributed immensely to the organization of the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) for Kharif Season in Birbhum District from May 29th., 2025 to June 12th., 2025.

All the Dignitaries also felicitated all the Staffs of the Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra for their commitment to conduct the Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan for Kharif Season, 2025 with utmost dedication.

The Programme was anchored by Dr. Prabuddha Ray, Subject Matter Specialist (Agricultural Extension), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

All the Staffs of Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana, Visva-Bharati actively participated to make the Programme a success.

Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati delivering the Presidential Address for the Programme



Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati felicitating Shri Partha Mal, representative of Green Farm Farmers Producer Company, Village + P. O. – Daranda, Block – Illambazar, Dist. - Birbhum



Prof. Binoy Kumar Saren, Principal, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture) and In-Charge, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati felicitating Smt. Santana Pal, Community Resource Person (CRP) of ANANDHARA Project, Govt. of West Bengal, Birbhum District



Prof. Biswapati Mandal, Department of Agricultural Chemistry and Soil Science, Faculty of Agriculture, Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalaya (BCKV), West Bengal felicitating Smt. Chaitali Bauri, Senior CRP, Integrated Farming System Cluster, Rajnagar Block, Govt. of West Bengal, Dist. – Birbhum



Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Kolkata felicitating Shri Azgar Sheikh, Secretary, Nanoor Chandidas Cultural Society, Village + P. O. + Block – Nanoor, Dist. - Birbhum



Dr. Probir Kumar Ghosh, Honourable Vice Chancellor, Visva-Bharati felicitating Shri Palash Ankure, Programme Assistant (Farm Manager) and Nodal Officer, Cluster FLD, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra



Dr. Pradip Dey, Director, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute, Kolkata felicitating Shri Suraj Kumar Bhakta, Programme Assistant (Computer Programmer), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra

