

Press Release

One Day Seminar on Traditional Organic Farming Held at Vigyan Bhavan Today

'Focus on Traditional Farming for Sustainable Agricultural Development'-Radhamohan Singh

New Delhi, Oct. 7: Union Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister Mr Radha Mohan Singh stressed on the need to make a paradigm shift to traditional organic farming for better fertility & productivity of soil, for sustainable agricultural development and for all round welfare of farmers.

He said this while inaugurating One-Day Seminar on "***Ensuring Farmers Welfare through traditional organic farming***" jointly organized by Union Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Wing of Brahma Kumaris Organization at Vigyan Bhan here today.

He said that as a developing nation with rich background of ancient wisdom, healthy culture and traditional organic agriculture, India can no more afford to experiment with chemicals, fertilizers and pesticides in farming sector because of the degrading effects of these chemicals on our soil, land, water, air, plants, insects, animals and human life for last several decades.

He said that balanced blending of modern scientific tools and sustainable organic farming along with practice of Yogic kheti (loving & caring vibes towards seed, soil & plants) as developed and as being promoted by the Brahma Kumaris all over the country, are the apt answers to the problems and challenges faced by our farmers in agricultural sector today.

Shri Sudarshan Bhagat, Union Minister of State for Agriculture urged the gathering to promote a movement in the country where traditional organic farming is encouraged. Excessive use of pesticides has washed out the friendly insects and micro-organisms from the soil thereby putting the delicate ecological balance at risk. It is time to shift our focus to traditional organic farming with new technologies and innovative pathways, he stressed.

Rajyogi B K Brij Mohan, Chief Spokesman of the Brahma Kumaris explained the concept of farming in accordance with nature. The nature and environment are renewable. He stressed on the significance and healthy effects of positive, peaceful and pure human thoughts on plant life, on agricultural lands and on environment & ecology.

Pant Nagar Agriculture University Agronomy Professor Dr Sunita Pandey said that sustainable organic agriculture on traditional and yogic modes not only provides positive energy to farming process, but also builds a strong relationship with nature. This helps in uniting rural communities to co-operate with each other and empowering them to face challenges in agriculture sector creatively & constructively. This also encourages rural communities to use natural household inputs such as organic fertilizers made from vegetables, plant waste, cow dung etc. thereby reducing the expenses and increasing food security.

Rajyogini B K Sarla, National Coordinator, Rual Development Wing of Brahma Kumaris said that the objective of the Seminar was to promote traditional organic farming, ancient wisdom, modern scientific technologies and all round empowerment of farmers for the holistic development of rural sector and its populace.

The Seminar which had four open sessions were addressed by resource persons from Agriculture Ministries, Research Organisations, Universities and Farming Institutes of different states and were attended by over twelve hundred opinion leaders representing rural and farming sector from all over India.