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Three-day 17th Agriculture Science Congress successfully concluded

Pantnagar. 22 February 2025: The three-day 17th Agriculture Science Congress being held at the university concluded today in an impressive manner in the presence of the Chief Guest Shri Ajay Bhatt, Vice President of National Academy of Agricultural Sciences Dr. P.K. Joshi and Padma Shri Dr. B.S. Dhillon, Foreign Secretary of the Academy Dr. Karim Meredia and Secretaries Dr. Wazir Singh Lakra and Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh and Vice-Chancellor of the University and Convener of the congress Dr. Manmohan Singh Chauhan and Organizing Secretary Dr. A.S. Nain were present on the stage. First of all, he visited the stalls set up by various public and private sector institutions in the Krishi Vigyan Exhibition along with Vice Chancellor Dr. Manmohan Singh Chauhan and other officials. Thereafter, he addressed the officials, scientists, students and farmers present in this conference. In his address, he appreciated the successful organization of the Agriculture Science Congress. He thanked the Vice-Chancellor of the University and his team. He said that scientists and farmers are an important part of nutritious food grain production. The amalgamation of advanced techniques and innovations in the Agriculture Science Congress will create a new thinking and it will find solutions to the challenges faced by the farmers. Appreciating the convener and the Vice-Chancellor, he said that organizing such a huge congress at the birthplace of Green Revolution is a big challenge in which scientists from not only the country but also from abroad have participated in large numbers. He said that the participants have gained knowledge of new techniques and innovations through various sessions, workshops and seminars organized in the congress. He expressed happiness over the selection of 65 students by various institutions during the congress and hoped that such congress should be organized in future as well. He said that due to the coordination between scientists and farmers, today India is not only self-sufficient in the field of food grains but is in a position to export to other countries.

Convener of the congress and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Manmohan Singh Chauhan first of all welcomed the chief guest and all the dignitaries seated on the stage and all the officers, scientists, students and farmers present in the auditorium. He specially welcomed the scientists participating from 16 countries and thanked them for their participation. He said that with the cooperation of the National Agricultural Science Academy and the cooperation of all the officers, scientists and students of the university, the 17th Agriculture Science Congress was successfully concluded by setting a new record.

Dr. B.S. Dhillon highlighted the important need for convergence between agricultural research and field applications. He said that to truly transform the agriculture sector, it is essential to bridge the gap between research institutes and farmers. We need to ensure that scientific advancements reach the grassroots level so that farmers can adopt innovative, sustainable and profitable agricultural practices. He also emphasized the importance of climate-resilient agriculture and called for collective efforts to tackle challenges such as soil degradation, water scarcity and impact of climate change on crop productivity.

Dr. Wazir Singh Lakra said that the participation of delegates in this Krishi Vigyan Congress was the highest in comparison to all the previous conferences. All the technical sessions were organized in an excellent manner. In the same sequence, the conveners of the three technical sessions, Dr. V. Venkateshwarlu, former Vice Chancellor; Dr. R.C. Agarwal, former Deputy Director General (Agricultural Education), Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Dr. Karim Meredia, Foreign Secretary of the Academy, presented the recommendations of those technical sessions. Dr. Lakra highlight on the subject of Allocation Contest at the national level and honoured three winners. The first winner Tarun Kapoor also presented his research, on the basis of which he got the first place.

The Director Research and Organizing Secretary also announced the exhibition and posters and awards. The Vice President of the Academy, Dr. P.K. Joshi expressed his happiness over the successful organisation of the conference and said that Pantnagar Agricultural University has set new records in this conference. Such as the number of participants being about 3 thousand, organising maximum technical sessions as well as symposia, panel discussions and participation of a large number of students. He said that I hope that the discussions held in the congress will prove helpful in making India a developed nation by 2047. The Agricultural Science Congress is also important because technology comes first, then policy decisions. He also expressed why Pantnagar was chosen. 60 years ago the seed of Green Revolution was sown from Pantnagar and we all hope that the second revolution will also be born from here. An announcement is made on the last day of the Agricultural Science Congress organized earlier, in the same way the 'Pantnagar Declaration' was also presented by him. He expressed his happiness by calling the

cultural programs presented by the students unprecedented. The Academy can prepare a white paper about Uttarakhand's agriculture in collaboration with the policy makers of Uttarakhand.

The Academy's Secretary Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh thanked the Academy's President, Vice President, Secretary and all the dignitaries present on the stage and the Vice Chancellor and Director Research of the University and those who contributed in making this conference successful. In the end, the Organizing Secretary Dr. A.S. Nain also thanked the Academy's President, Vice President and Secretary and the Vice Chancellor of the University for their guidance and the conveners and members of various committees for making this conference successful.



Chief Guest MP Shri Ajay Bhatt addressing the congress.



Chief Guest MP Shri Ajay Bhatt and others observing the exhibition at the Agriculture Science Congress.

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