

Minister of State for Home Affairs, GoI, Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar Garu appreciated the KVK efforts in farmer's service

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As part of implementation of Special Project on Cotton of ICAR-CICR titled “Targeting technologies to agro ecological zones/ large scale demonstrations of best practices to enhance cotton productivity” under NFSM during 2024-25, KVK Jammikunta, Karimnagar District, Telangana State has conducted Kisan Mela cum Exhibition on HDPS Cotton on 22nd March 2025.

Shri Bandi Sanjay Kumar Garu, the Honourable Minister of State for Home Affairs, Govt. of India graced the event as the Chief Guest and praised the valuable initiatives of KVK that benefit the farming community.

The Minister emphasized the critical role of agriculture in the economy and highlighted various government initiatives to support farmers. Acknowledging the growing global demand for Indian cotton, he outlined efforts to improve yields, including the High-Density Planting System developed by the Central Cotton Research Institute. This approach increases plant density, resulting in higher yields at lower costs. He encouraged farmers to adopt such advancements to improve profitability

The Hon'ble Minister has highly appreciated the KVK efforts in farmer's service.



Dr. Shaikh N. Meera, Director, ATARI Zone 10, Hyderabad, attended the event as the Guest of Honor, highlighted the impactful activities of KVK and commended the efforts of the KVK Jammikunta.

He has stated that the Central Government plans to introduce various farmer welfare schemes. He Highlighted the Nammo Drone initiative, which will provide drones to women's self-help groups, offering training and employment opportunities while promoting agricultural mechanization. Also, emphasized the importance of natural farming and government schemes for oilseeds and pulses cultivation to raise awareness among farmers about sustainable practices.



Dr. N. Venkateshwar Rao, Senior Scientist & Head, highlighted KVK Jammikunta activities that have a significant economic impact on the farming community. He highlighted the importance of promoting natural farming, SRT, Usha agri technology and biochar application in agriculture as sustainable practices for the future. He assured that efforts are being made to make these practices accessible to farmers.

All the line department officials and KVK Scientists participated in the discussion on HDPS and CS cotton cultivation practices, providing an overview of project activities over the past two years. Furthermore, successful farmers who adopted these methods shared their experiences and offered advice to other farmers. The event concluded with the chief guest and guest of honour felicitating the farmers.



A total of 675 participants, including 590 farmers, farm women, 85 RAWEP students and representatives from seed companies took part in the Kisan Mela.

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