Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Shri Bhagirath Choudhary attends Bharat Food & Agro @ 2047 Conclave

Shri Choudhary emphasizes on Balanced Use of Pesticides and Chemical fertilizers, Residue-Free Production, Climate-Resilient Farming and Value Addition through Food Processing

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The Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Bhagirath Choudhary today attended the National conclave 'Bharat Food & Agro @ 2047', organised on the theme 'Growth, Innovation, Global Reach' at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Addressing the conclave, Shri Bhagirath Choudhary emphasised that farmers are at the centre of India's economic progress and that a strong and resilient agricultural sector is vital for achieving the vision of a developed India. He said that the focus must extend beyond increasing agricultural production to improving quality, ensuring food safety, promoting sustainable practices and strengthening farmers' incomes.



The Minister also highlighted the importance of balanced use of pesticides and chemical fertilisers, residue-free agricultural production, climate-resilient farming, indigenous alternatives to imported agricultural products and value addition through food processing. He also called for greater adoption of natural farming, urging farmers to begin with at least 10 per cent of their cultivated area and gradually expand based on their experience.

The Minister also highlighted the potential of Shree Anna (millets), including jowar and bajra, and called for greater research, processing and development of new food products to expand their domestic and international markets. He stressed the need to strengthen farmer-producer organisations (FPOs), MSMEs and linkages between farmers and food processing industries.

Referring to government initiatives, he highlighted the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, Pradhan Mantri Kisan SAMPADA Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme and One District One Product (ODOP) initiative. He encouraged entrepreneurs to leverage these initiatives, adopt modern technologies, artificial intelligence and smart packaging, and connect local products with global markets.



The conclave also provided a platform for entrepreneurs, industry representatives, scientists and policymakers to exchange experiences, discuss challenges and explore opportunities for collaboration. The discussions focused on strengthening the food processing sector, improving product quality, promoting innovation, enhancing export capabilities and ensuring that the benefits of agricultural value addition reach farmers.

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