

**Without prosperity of Farmers,  
no development possible for any state : Chief Minister**

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automatically will come on the road of development**

**Present Government has extended aid of around  
Rs. 70,000 crore for welfare of the farmers**

**For economic progress of farmers, they will have to  
promote 'zero investment' techniques of the Sages**

**In interests of farmers, soil test labs have been opened,  
which will apprise them about the health of their land**

**Chief Minister honours farmers with higher productivity on the  
'Kisan Samman Diwas', organized on the 115th birth anniversary  
of former prime minister Chowdhary Charan Singh**

**Chief Minister pays floral tributes at the  
portrait of Chowdhary Charan Singh**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji has said that development of a nation was not possible without the prosperity of farmers. For this, the present state government has rolled out many initiatives and decisions which will improve the economic condition of farmers, which in turn will bring the country on the track of development.

Keeping this in mind, so far the state government has directly and indirectly aided the farmers with Rs. 70,000 crores. He also pointed out that to ensure economic growth of farmers they must assimilate the farming techniques of the times of the sages, which other than being 'zero investment' also is beneficial in improving the productivity and enhancing the soil health with use of cow products as well.

The Chief Minister was today speaking at a function held at the Vidhan Sabha premises - Kisan Samman Diwas, to mark the 115th birth anniversary of Former Prime Minister Chowdhary Charan Singh. Yogi ji also paid floral tributes at a portrait of the late leader. On this

occasion the Chief Minister honored 33 farmers who were responsible for good productivity per hectare in wheat, chana, matar, masoor, rai, sarson, paddy, makka, arhar and urd.

These farmers are given Rs. One Lakh as first prize, Rs. 75,000 as second prize, Rs. 50,000 as third prize. The honour also carried a shawl, a citation and a book. The Chief Minister also informed that 6,538 farmers were simultaneously felicitated in different districts today.

He also expressed hope that the Agriculture Minister will get symposiums conducted in all districts so that farmers get benefitted. Yogi ji also said that the present state Government was committed to the prosperity and progress of farmers By encouraging and promoting farming, he further stated, many jobs can be created in a country like India. He also acknowledged the role and contribution of farmers in providing food grains to the people of the country, despite facing many odds.

The State Government, he pointed out, had made arrangements to ensure adequate and timely supply of seeds, fertilizers and necessary items for the farmers in time. The Chief Minister also said that the nation was progressing steadily under the able leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and that farmers were given compensation for crop damage by any calamity under the PM Crop Insurance Scheme and that soil labs are also being established.

The programme was also addressed by Agriculture Minister Mr. Surya Pratap Shahi who said that the zamindari system was abolished due to the efforts of late Chowdhary Charan Singh. Among those who received a prize at the hands of the Chief Minister included Mr. Vijay Bhan Singh, Mr. Surendra Yadav, Mrs. Priya, Mr. Nand Kishore Verma, Mrs. Komal Devi, Mr. Paritosh, Mr. Surendra Singh, Mr. Om Prakash, Mr. Baliram, Mrs. Suman and Mrs. Pramila Devi.

Also present on the occasion were many members of the state cabinet, senior officials of the Agriculture Department, large number of farmers and other dignitaries.

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