

**In present-day scenario, diversification  
in agriculture necessary : Chief Minister**

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potato, pulses farming and present a report**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ji has said that there was need of diversification in agriculture in present day scenario as this would lead to better profits to farmers. He also stressed on the need of moving ahead, other than conventional farming, in vegetable growing, fruit production, horticulture, pisciculture and dairy development.

The Chief Minister made these observations during a meeting at Shastri Bhawan with a delegation of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). During the meeting it was also finalized that the bank would make an exhaustive study of how to add value in mango growing, guava, potato and pulse farming and submit a report to the state government.

The Chief Minister appreciated this as a beneficial effort and said that to enhance agricultural production, experts in the field should be roped in for wide ranging deliberations. Yogi ji also reiterated the commitment of the state government to the dream of prime minister Mr Narendra Modi of doubling farmers income by the year 2022. The state government, the Chief Minister added, was working on an action plan to achieve this target.

Stressing on the need of assimilation of new and modern techniques, the Chief Minister also called for wider publicity of drip

irrigation. He also suggested that through MNREGA, many works will be done which will benefit small and medium farmers. He added that due to efforts of the prime minister, better results in the field of agriculture have started coming.

Farmers are being benefited by the Prime Minister's Crop Insurance Scheme and the Prime Minister's Agriculture Irrigation Scheme, the Chief Minister pointed out while adding how soil health cards, for accurate nature of the soil, were benefitting farmers in a big way. The state government, he further informed, had ensured distribution of two crore soil health cards, which was the highest in the country.

On this occasion, the delegates of the ADB gave a presentation to the Chief Minister on value chain in UP. Also present in the meeting were Agriculture Minister Mr. Surya Pratap Shahi, Horticulture Minister Mr. Dara Singh Chauhan, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Minister Mr. SP Singh Baghel, Dairy Development Minister Mr. Laxmi Narayan Chowdhary, Minister of State for Rural Development (Independent Charge) Dr. Mahendra Singh, economic advisor Mr. KB Raju, country director of ADB Mr. Kenichi Yokoyama, Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Mittal, Additional Chief Secretary (planning) Mr Deepak Trivedi, principal secretary (Agriculture) Mr Amit Mohan Prasad, Principal Secretary (Horticulture and Food processing) Mr. Sudhir Garg, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister Mr. SP Goel and senior officers of the state government and the ADB.

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