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Krishi Kumbh 2025: Advanced technologies and innovations will increase the income of farmers - Chief Minister

Pantnagar. 21 February, 2025. On the second day of the 17th Agriculture Science Congress being organized during February 20-22, 2025 by the GB Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar under the aegis of National Academy of Agriculture Sciences (NAAS), the Chief Guest, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami graced the occasion by inaugurating a large agricultural science exhibition and he visited the stalls set up by various institutions of the public and private sector along with Vice-Chancellor Dr. Manmohan Singh Chauhan and other officials. Thereafter, he addressed a huge gathering of officials, scientists, students and farmers present in this congress where about three thousand people were present. In his address, he appreciated the relevance of organizing the Agriculture Science Congress. He thanked the NAAS for organizing the 17th Agricultural Science Congress at Pantnagar University, which is located in the land of Gods, Uttarakhand. He emphasized upon relevance of innovations in the field of agriculture and outlined the government's schemes in favour of farmers and said that the Uttarakhand government is committed to the development of the agricultural sector. The state government is running many schemes in the interest of farmers, so that they can increase their income by adopting modern agricultural techniques. He called upon agricultural universities and scientists to work together with farmers, so that innovations can be taken to the grassroots level.

The conference convener and Vice-Chancellor Dr. Manmohan Singh Chauhan first welcomed the chief guest and other dignitaries present in the congress and highlighted the achievements of the university and said that efforts are being made to double the income of farmers through innovation and research in the agricultural sector. He praised the Uttarakhand government for banning paddy plantation in summer season because due to summer paddy not only ground water level was declining but also insect infestation was also increasing because of continuous paddy plantation and to control the insects insecticides were spread frequently which was polluting the environment simultaneously. Now, ban of summer paddy cultivation will not only help in sustaining the ground water level but also it will reduce environmental pollution. He also informed that scientists from 16 countries viz., USA, Australia, Canada, France, UK, Germany, Italy, Romania, Slovenia, Thailand, Fiji, Morocco, Zambia, Oman and Nepal are participating in this 'Krishi Kumbh'. Apart from this, representatives of the industry and progressive farmers are also participating.

Progressive farmers were felicitated during the program. The felicitated farmers included Vice-President of Farmers' Commission, Mr. Rajpal Singh, and others, namely, Mr. Balwinder Singh, Mr. Suresh Rana, Mr. Amrit Pal, Mr. Narendra Mehra and Mrs. Kavita Devi, who have made significant contribution in the field of agriculture. In the closing ceremony, Director Research and Organizing Secretary Dr. A.S. Nain proposed the vote of thanks. Various technical sessions were organized on 11 topics since morning.

On 22nd February 2025, the Chief Guest of the closing ceremony will be Hon'ble Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Uttarakhand Government, Shri Ganesh Joshi.



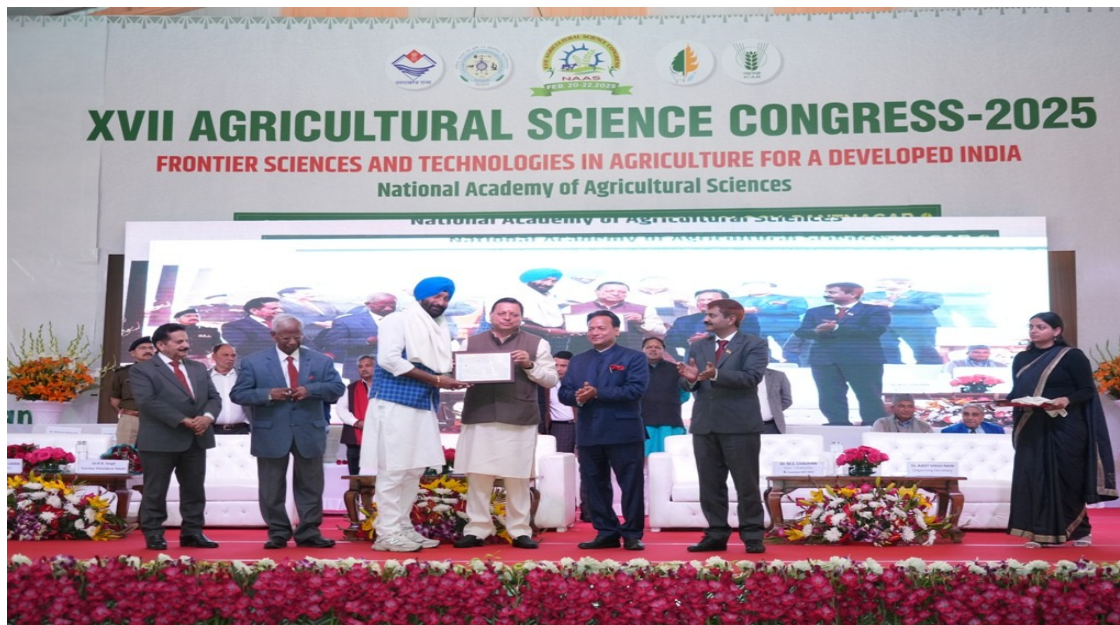
Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurating the Agricultural Science Exhibition.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami observing the robot at the Agricultural Science Exhibition.



Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami addressing the galaxy of Audience.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami honoring the progressive farmers.

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