

CFCs launched under ODOP scheme benefited over 9,000 farmers: Mantri

Farmers Set Up Facility To Boost Produce

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Lucknow: The continuous efforts of the ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) in the state for industrialization of rural areas by setting up common facility centres (CFCs) in the food processing sector has benefited over 9,000 farmers and increased their income substantially.

MSME minister Sidharth Nath Singh told TOI on Thursday that CFCs in the food processing sector set up under Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's flagship One District One Product (ODOP) scheme so far have benefitted over 9,000 farmers in Uttar Pradesh.

"The Yogi government had been continuously working for the welfare of farmers by launching various schemes and measures for doubling their income and diversifying them from cultivation of traditional crops and shifting to food processing



MSME minister Sidharth Nath Singh

and horticulture," said Singh.

The MSME department invited farmers to set up CFCs in their regions and boost food processing, the minister said.

"In the past one year, nine CFCs have been established at a cost of Rs 90 crore and over 9,000 farmers benefited from them since the centres are being run by the farmers' groups only," added Singh.

We have invited more farmers to submit their projects on CFCs based on horticulture, he said.

"The state government is bearing 90% of the cost of setting up CFCs and farmers' groups are contributing the remaining 10% only. The CFCs will benefit farmers as

Hunar Haat extended till Feb 7

Hunar Haat, which was scheduled to end on Thursday, has been granted extension till February 7. A government spokesperson said that the extension was granted keeping in mind the huge popularity of the event which had been attracting hundreds of visitors. Hunar Haat was launched on January 23, the flagship programme of the Ministry of Minority Affairs for promotion of indigenous handicraft. **TNN**

earlier they had limited options of selling their farm produce and largely sold it at the local mandis, but now they can sell it to CFCs for the food processing industry and get a higher price," said Singh.

The CFCs will boost the food processing industry also, besides ensuring a big increase in the income of farmers, the minister added.

The MSME department is promoting the CFC scheme all over the state and aims that maximum number of farmers join it to avail its benefits and increase their income.