Krishi Kumbh to help farmers reap agri gains of tech use

2L Farmers May Attend Meet In Dec

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Lucknow: The state is preparing to host the second international conference on agriculture, Krishi Kumbh, in the second week of December.

In a review meeting held on Saturday, chief minister Yogi Adityanath said: "This will enable our farmers to become more prosperous from a technical point of view. This event will provide information on technology and innovation being adopted in the agriculture sector across the world, from seed to market."

The first Krishi Kumbh was organised in UP in 2018. This time, the CM has invited



Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath during a review meeting on Saturday

every district from the state, along with every state in the country to participate in the event. The main event of the conference will be held at the Indian Sugarcane Research Institute in Lucknow, while a curtain raiser event will also be organised in Delhi.

During Saturday's meeting, the CM said that more than 2 lakh farmers, 10 partner countries and more than 500 national and international companies are likely to participate in the second edition of Krishi Kumbh. The go-

vernment is also expecting Union ministers, experts from national and international companies and institutions working on agriculture and related sectors, agricultural universities, agricultural science centres and progressive farmers to attend the conference.

Talking about the innovations in farming taking place internationally, the CM said that inspiration could be taken from best practices being followed in countries like Japan, Israel, Croatia, Poland, Peru, Germany, USA, Philippines, South Korea and Indonesia. He said that working on the lines of the Global Investors Summit, efforts should be made to contact Indian embassies and high commissions in these countries to invite local companies, experts and farmers to the Krishi Kumbh.

Among the various topics on which the Krishi Kumbh is likely to see discussions include cow-based natural farming, preparedness to face challenges of climate change, promotion of food grains, FPO based business, reducing cost of farming, stubble management and increasing the contribution of the agriculture sector towards making UP a US\$1 trillion economy.

A state-level workshop will be organised in Lucknow in October to highlight the importance of millets.