

Substantial efforts made to promote self-reliance among farmers: CM Adityanath

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LUCKNOW: Over the past decade, substantial efforts have been made nationwide to alleviate the burden of high-interest loans on farmers and promote self-reliance. However, much more remains to be done, said chief minister Yogi Adityanath here on Friday while inaugurating the Krishi Bharat 2024 programme.

The four-day agriculture and technology event, being organised at the Vrindavan Yojana ground, emphasizes the need to blend agriculture with entrepreneurship and adopt modern technology to boost farmers' incomes.

He said, "Our focus should be on advancing the agricultural sector with enhanced technology. Given the diverse agro-climatic zones within the country, each state brings unique experiences, and regions have shown remarkable progress—even under challenging circumstances worldwide. By sharing best practices, we can learn much from one another."

Before the event, CM Yogi participated in a bilateral meeting with partner country the Netherlands, where he met with a delegation led by the country's deputy agriculture minister

Antarrashtriya Janjati Utsav: Riot of colour marks opening

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LUCKNOW: It was no less than a riot of colour when tribals turned up in the best of their ethnic finery, on the first day of five-day Antarrashtriya Janjati Bhagidari Utsav.

The festival began at the UP Sangeet Natak Akademi on Friday, and has been organised by Janjatiya Vikas Vibhag, UP Lok evam Janjati Sanskriti Sansthan and UP Sangeet Natak Akademi to celebrate the 150th Birth Anniversary of tribal leader Birsa Munda.

The food and fair organised as part of the festival will remain open from 11am–9 pm while the cultural programmes will be held from 5-8pm daily.

Artistes from 22 states will be seen performing during the festival. Mongo dance –



Tribal artistes performing at the UP Sangeet Natak Akademi on Friday HTPHOTO

Bakarwal (Jammu and Kashmir), Singhi Cham dance (Sikkim), Ghudka dance (Odisha), Songi Mukhaute dance (Maharashtra), Mati Maandari dance (Chhatisgarh), Langa/Mangniwar song (Rajasthan), Bhapang (Rajasthan), Bhonpa Bhonpi, Ravan Hatya and Morchang (Rajasthan), Terahtali dance (Rajasthan), Fugdi/ Siddhi dance (Karnataka), Ramdhol dance (Madhya Pradesh), Garadbaja (UP), Nagmtiya dance (UP), Changli dance (UP), among others.

Jan-Kees Goet and Ambassador to India Marisa Gerards.

During the meeting, two

Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between the Uttar Pradesh gov-

ernment and the Netherlands, and CM Yogi toured various exhibition stalls.

The Krishi Bharat Exhibition spans 20,000 square metres, showcasing innovations and sustainable developments in agriculture. Featuring over 250 exhibitors, the event is expected to attract more than 1 lakh farmers and visitors.

The exhibition highlights advancements in agriculture, dairy, food processing equipment, and other agri-services and technologies. Organised by the CII, Krishi Bharat serves as a state and national pavilion, presenting world-class agricultural innovations.

While inaugurating the four-day Krishi Bharat programme, the CM extended his congratulations to the people of Uttar Pradesh on the 555th Prakash Parv of Shri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, Kartik Purnima, and the 150th birth anniversary of Dharti Aaba, Bhagwan Birsa Munda, a symbol of tribal pride.

Meanwhile, CM Yogi acknowledged the efforts of CII in organising Agrotech in India since 2000.

For the first time, this prestigious event is being held in Uttar Pradesh, moving beyond its traditional location in Chandigarh—a milestone of great significance.