

UP sees 150% increase in production in 8 yrs

Lucknow: UP witnessed a 150% increase in fruit and vegetable production in last year. The growth, according to a state govt spokesperson, is the result of farmer-centric policies, high-quality inputs, and the widespread adoption of modern agricultural practices.

In 2016–17, fruits and vegetables were cultivated on 4.75 lakh and 12.56 lakh hectares, respectively, with yields of 105 and 278 lakh metric tons. By 2024–25, the cultivation area increased to 5.92 lakh hectares for fruits and 14.85 lakh hectares for vegetables, with output surging to 170.95 lakh and 423.54 lakh metric tons, respectively.

Minister of state (independent charge) for horticulture Dinesh Pratap Singh, said that the state govt is actively



supplying farmers with high-quality fruit and vegetable saplings, which led to significant improvements in productivity and crop quality.

He said that the adoption of modern horticultural techniques further enhanced sapling production and distribution.

In addition to providing superior planting materials, the govt is also equipping farmers with training, upgraded seed varieties, and technical guidance at the grassroots level, the minister said. TNN