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Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA), Department of Agriculture organized a Kisan mela at Biotech Park, Lucknow during the month of September. The minister of state for animal welfare, Uttar Pradesh Government, Mr Shiv Pratap Yadav, inaugurated the Kisan Mela and the impressive exhibition organized on the occasion. Mr Vivek Kumar Singh, Deputy Director, Agriculture, Mr S P Upadhyay, State Consultant, ATMA Yojna, Sri Uday Veer Singh, CDO were present on the occasion.

Dr P K Seth, CEO, Biotech Park welcoming the honorable minister, said that it is a very important event where farmers, entrepreneurs, government officials all have gathered at Biotech Park which is a technical incubator. Biotech Park has been supporting such initiatives of organizing 'Kisan melas' in the past. This help in increasing the awareness among the farmers about the new technologies which have applications in agriculture. Farmers will be able to see the various facilities and products which are of interest to them. The minister and other officials would be able to see the facilities which will help them in drawing plans for taking the technologies to the farmer's field and provide them biotech products for boosting their economy.

Mr S P Upadhyay, ex-director, Department of Agriculture, and State Consultant, ATMA Yojna said that extensive uses of chemical fertilizers are harmful for the land and also informed the farmers about the various schemes of ATMA. He suggested that farmers should take the advantage of the ATMA Yojna and join hands with government and utilize the facilities being provided under this program.

The minister while addressing the audience mentioned, "I am extremely happy to be here to participate in the kisan mela. He thanked Biotech Park for helping in the organization of the Kisan Mela." He also thanked for the initiative taken to apprise the farmers about facilities available and services being provided by the various government departments for the benefit of the farmers. He urged the farmers to adopt new technologies and practices in farming. He suggested farmers not to sell their

farm lands under pressure or allure given by builders and if they have any problem, they can directly made complaints to the government.

There were over 16 stalls in the exhibition. Biotech Park also set up a stall to show case the various products including biofertilisers and tissue cutlture banana plants and services which it offers. A large number of kisans visited the stall and purchased materials. Honorable minister and a large number of kisan visited the Biotech Park stall and other stalls. Besides kisans, various self help groups and officials from various departments of state participated in the Mela. Experts from government and park delivered lectures about modern techniques of farming, soil analysis, seed selection and use of tissue culture plants.