

Web telecasting of inauguration function of Pradhana Mantri Kisana Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) at ICAR-DCR, Puttur

The inauguration of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme by Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri. Narendra Modi at Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh was web casted at ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research (DCR), Puttur, D.K., Karnataka on 24 February 2019. Under PM-KISAN scheme, Rs 6,000 will be given per year to small and marginal farmer families having combined land holding/ownership of up to 2 hectares by direct benefit transfer (DBT) mode.

On the occasion Shri. Parashottam Rupala, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri. Amitabh Gautam, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, Shri. Nalin Kumar Kateel, Member of Parliament and Shri. Sanjeeva Matandoora, Member of Legislative Assembly, Puttur, D.K., Karnataka were present.

The programme started with welcome speech by Dr. M.G. Nayak, Acting Director, ICAR-DCR, Puttur who welcomed all the guests, farmers, staff, press and other audience present in the programme. Then the importance of PM-KISAN, its important features and benefits to farmers were explained in Kannada to the farmers by Dr. T. N. Raviprasad, Principal Scientist, ICAR-DCR, Puttur. It was followed brief speeches of M.P., M.L.A. and the minister present on the occasion who talked about this unique programme started for welfare of farmers.

Then about 11.00 A.M. the Mann Ki Bath programme of PM was web casted to the assembled audience in which PM spoke on sacrifices of armed forces of India, birth anniversaries of Birsa Munda and Jemshedji Tata, Padma Shri awards to the persons rendering social and national services without expecting rewards, especially, the 12 farmer awardees and PM health scheme.

It was followed by digital inauguration of PM-KISAN scheme and laying foundations for the Kagda (Gujarat)-Gorakhpur (Uttar Pradesh) gas pipeline connection project and AIIMS hospital at Gorakhpur was telecasted to the farmers and other audience. Then interaction session of PM with the beneficiary farmers from different parts of country through live web casting organized at different research institutes of ICAR was telecasted. Among these few interactions, PM interacted with one of the farmers of Puttur Shri. Janardhana Bhat, a farmer identified by ICAR-DCR, Puttur. The farmer's opinions about PM-KISAN programme were translated into Hindi for PM by Dr. T.N. Raviprasad, Principal Scientist, ICAR-DCR, Puttur. It was followed by a short film on PM-KISAN scheme and the speech of PM who spoke at length about importance of this scheme and how it is going to benefit 12 crores farmers of country.

After the webcasting of the entire programme, Dr. J.D. Adiga gave the vote of thanks and the programme was compered by Shri. Prakash Bhat, Technical officer, ICAR-DCR, Puttur. A total of 260 farmers, 5 people's representatives, 3 invited officers and staff of ICAR-DCR attended the programme.

The programme ended with singing of national anthem and after the programme, a lunch was hosted by ICAR-DCR, Puttur to the farmers, guests and others who were present in the programme.