

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on 27 October, 2023 inaugurated the Shri Anna Mahotsav, a state-level exhibition and workshop held at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan in Lucknow. This grand event was organized with the primary objective of encouraging the use of millets and acknowledging the commendable efforts of progressive farmers who have been pivotal in the promotion of millet production.



During the inauguration, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath shed light on the historical importance of Shri Anna, tracing its roots back to the Vedic era. He emphasized that millets, often referred to as Shri Anna, had played a vital role in the diets of ancient India. He also underscored the potential role of millets in addressing future global food crises, given their nutritional value and resilience to adverse environmental conditions.



Yogi Adityanath highlighted that Shri Anna could play a significant role in this endeavor. He stressed the need for research efforts to enhance the productivity of millets, in line with the government's commitment to promoting natural farming.

Three-day Shri Anna Mahotsav is being organized on the occasion of the 34th foundation day of the Uttar Pradesh Agricultural Research Council, an organization dedicated to agricultural research and development.



The Chief Minister expressed his delight at the widespread adoption of Shri Anna in various forms within every household. "Substantial efforts have been initiated in this regard, leading to the creation of innovative products from millets. Not only are these products nutritious, but they also offer a delightful culinary

experience," he added. Highlighting the transformation of Krishi Vigyan Kendras, the Chief Minister said, "Until 2017, the condition of these centers was bad. Today, a new spirit of competition has ignited among them. Agricultural universities play a crucial role in this positive change. Intensive efforts are underway to deliver high-quality seeds

from the finest research institutions to benefit the state's three crore farmers." Additionally, he asked to establish labs in every Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Agricultural University for the certification of organic products. CM Yogi said that the government is promoting natural farming, and 'govansh' can play a significant role in it. During the ceremony, the Chief Minister honoured 35 farmer-producer organizations working in the area of 'Shri Anna'. Apart from this, the assistance of Rs 95 lakh each was provided to five Krishi Vigyan Kendras of the state.



The event witnessed the participation of several dignitaries, including State Agriculture Minister Surya Pratap Shahi, MSME Minister Rakesh Sachan, Minister of State for Agriculture Baldev Singh Aulakh, UP Agricultural Research Council Chairman Captain Vikas Gupta, Agriculture Production Commissioners Manoj Kumar Singh and Sanjay Aggarwal, along with Dr. Devesh Chaturvedi and vice-chancellors of agricultural universities.