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'Agriculture centres near airports boost export'

■ Gujarat Chief Minister
Vijaybhai Rupani
inaugurates workshop
for farmers during 8th
Agrovision, shares
success of 'From
Farms to Foreign'
policy adopted by
Gujarat government

■ Staff Reporter

"EXPORT of agriculture products in Gujarat has seen a big increase primarily because of the development of Agriculture Export Centre near airport," said Gujarat Chief Minister Vijaybhai Rupani as he inaugurated the workshop for farmers at the 8th edition of Agrovision at Reshimbagh Ground, on Saturday.

"The theme 'From Farms to Foreign' was effectively implemented in Gujarat under the guidance of the then Chief Minister and present Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi," Rupani added.

Union Minister of Road



Gujarat Chief Minister Vijaybhai Rupani inaugurating Agrovision workshop at Reshimbagh Ground on Saturday. Union Minister of Road Transport Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister for Small and Medium Industries Gintraj Singh, Ravi Boratkar and Ramesh Mankar look on. (Pic by Satish Raut)

Transport and Shipping Nitin Gadkari presided over the function. Union Minister of State for MSME (Micro Small and Medium Enterprises) Gintraj Singh was the chief guest. Maharashtra Minister

for Social Justice Rajkumar Badole; Chief Secretary of Agriculture Department Vijay Kumar, Atay Veer Jakhad of Krushak Kisan Cell, T Nanda and Sodhi also shared dais.

Discussing different initiatives started by Gujarat Government for improvement of farmers' economical conditions in the state, Rupani said, during the 13-year tenure of Narendra Modi as Chief

Minister many qualitative agricultural decisions were taken.

"The focus of agriculture policies was mainly based on giving right price to agriculture products of farmers. Effective implementation of crop insurance scheme has resulted in securing farmers with insurance protection worth Rs 11,000 crore," he said.

Gujarat Government made loan available to farmers with 1% rate instead of 18%. "This resulted in rise in investment in production. More than 38 lakh farmers in Gujarat were benefited with the dynamic agriculture policies and agriculture production was increased to 22 lakh metric tonnes from just two lakh metric tonnes," Rupani said.

The present agriculture production has risen upto Rs one lakh 11 thousand crore and the rate of agriculture growth has been raised to 17%, he added.

Rupani highlighted that Gujarat Government had implemented e-gaon and e-portal for agriculture in the State. "Farmers

are getting current knowledge of rates of agriculture products across the world through these portals," Rupani said.

Appreciating the experiment of Agrovision for updating farmers about latest technology, the Gujarat Chief Minister said that experiments of bio-technology and methanol production started by Nitin Gadkari would be implemented in Gujarat too.

In his presidential address, Nitin Gadkari expressed his wish to start export facilities for farmers on five acre land near Mumbai, Pune, Nagpur and Aurangabad airports in Maharashtra.

Gadkari appreciated dairy development in Gujarat and said that with the help of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) special schemes to increase the milk production in Vidarbha and Marathwada would be implemented. He appealed the farmers to accept the challenge of increasing milk production and pledge to increase economy upto Rs 50,000 crore.

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