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Press Note:

Adopt natural farming for a healthy life - Governor Harichandan tells farmers

Vijayawada, November 17: Speaking at the meeting organized by the Krishna district administration at Rangannagudem village, Bapulapadu mandal, Krishna district, Andhra Pradesh Governor Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan said farmers should adopt natural farming in a big way to get rid of poisonous effects of fertilizers and chemicals, so that people can lead a healthy life. The Governor said he also comes from a rural area and from a family whose major occupation was farming. The Governor said both Centre and state governments are encouraging farmers to take up natural farming in a big way. He said in the olden days people adopted natural farming and led a healthy life and today fertilizers and pesticides are being used excessively for commercial reasons to make agriculture more profitable. The Governor said by constant use of fertilizers and pesticides the land has been losing its fertility and the time is not too far away when the soil becomes totally unfit for cultivation. He said it is necessary to adopt natural farming to save the future generations from the ill-effects of fertilizers and pesticides. The Governor recalled the words of Mahatma Gandhi that the soul of the nation lies in the villages and said that as long as villages are not developed, the nation cannot develop.

The Governor said he came to their village to see and understand personally how the natural farming is done by farmers so that he can discuss about this system with the Central and the state governments. He said the Central government is keen to see that farmers make the change over to the natural farming to prevent further destruction of land. The Governor said in the conference of Sub Committee of Governors on Agriculture, he was informed that Andhra Pradesh has been doing well in natural farming as it is being practiced in more than 5 lakh hectares in the state and said he has come to their village to encourage the farmers to take up natural farming in a big way to protect the future generations.

Earlier, Governor Sri Harichandan visited the agricultural farms in the village where villagers were cultivating paddy, vegetables and different cash crops using 'Jeevamrutham' as part of the state government's efforts to spread organic farming under Zero Budget Natural Farming (ZBNF). Governor interacted with farmers and enquired with them on the composting process.

Sri Mukesh Kumar Meena, Secretary to Governor, Sri A. Md. Imtiaz, Krishna Collector, Nuzvid Sub Collector Sri Pundkar Swapnil Dinaker, K. Mohan Kumar, Joint Collector and officials of Agriculture department have also attended programme.
