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THE TIMES OF INDIA Union agri minister launches 'Grow Safe Food' drive

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Motihari: Union agriculture minister Radha Mohan Singh inaugurated the 'Grow Safe Food' and 'Responsible use of agriculture products' campaign under a pilot project launched by the Union agriculture ministry at Chandrahiya village near Motihari on Monday. He applauded the efforts of Crop Life India for initiating this two-year training programme for the farmers of the remote villages in East Champaran district.

Singh asked the farmers to adopt scientific methods to enhance foodgrain production and said his ministry was making efforts to make them aware of modern scientific advancements.

Addressing a Kisan Sammelan on the occasion, he said pesticides were critical inputs in agriculture. As farmers protect crops from pests and other diseases, it was important for them to work towards enhancing production, he said, adding that it was also important to maintain the crops quality to ensure safe food for a growing nation like India.

The programme was attended by several agriculture scientists, representatives of different agencies, MLAs and grassroots workers. Large number of farmers were educated on the scientific use of crop products protection and safe disposal of used containers.

Singh also addressed three Kisan sammelans at Kesariya, Hussaini and Dumariaghat and inaugurated the election office of BJP at Motihari.

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