

Farmers transform into drone entrepreneurs: Agriculture Minister distributes IFFCO Kisan drones

- Shri J P Dalal, Agriculture Minister Haryana distributed certificates, drones and EVs
- Along with modernizing agriculture, new jobs will be created, income will also increase for the farmers of the State.
- IFFCO Kisan Drone Key decision for nano fertilizers popularity in India.
- According to the scheme, 2500 drone entrepreneurs will be trained, 5000 will get employment.

10 December 2023, Gurugram; Agricultural drone technology workshop and agricultural drone distribution program was organized by World's No. 1 cooperative organization IFFCO at IFFCO FMDI in Gurugram, Haryana. The chief guest of this program was Shri J. P. Dalal, Agriculture Minister, Agriculture and Welfare Department, Government of Haryana. Shri A. K. Gupta, Director, IFFCO Ltd., presided over the programme. In the program Shri S. S. Dalal, Joint General Manager, IFFCO Ltd., Shri Shamsher Singh, State Marketing Manager, IFFCO Haryana, Dr. Anil Yadav, Senior Agriculture Specialist, KVK (Rampura), Dr. Anil Kumar, Deputy Director Agriculture, Gurugram and Shri Jitendra Ahlawat, Deputy Director Agriculture, Jhajjar along with 250 farmers and drone entrepreneurs from different districts of Haryana participated.

Shri J. P. Dalal, Agriculture Minister, Haryana distributed the certificates marking transfer of Agricultural Drone, an electric vehicle (EV) for transportation of drone, and technical equipment to the farmers who have become drone entrepreneurs through and extended their good wishes by flagging off the vehicles. This was the first program under IFFCO Kisan Drone Project in Haryana. Under this scheme, IFFCO is training 2500 drone entrepreneurs across India and 2500 drones and EVs are to be distributed. This scheme will provide self-employment opportunity to 5000 people.

Chief guest Shri J. P. Dalal, Agriculture Minister, Haryana Government said that the innovation of nano fertilizers by IFFCO is a revolutionary step. He expressed concern over the deteriorating soil health due to indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers. He said that the use of IFFCO nano fertilizers is a good option to increase the income of farmers and improve the health of the soil. He called for the promotion of nano fertilizers for the welfare of farmers. Giving information about the scheme which Haryana Government has just released for free spraying of IFFCO nano fertilizers in one lakh acres area, he said that under this scheme, nano fertilizers will be sprayed in the fields at the rate of only ₹ 100 per acre. On this occasion, IFFCO provided drones and electrical vehicles to drone entrepreneurs from different districts of Haryana. With these agricultural drones, drone entrepreneurs will provide better services to the farmers of the area. Agricultural drones will create employment for young entrepreneurs and rural women. Praising IFFCO for the distribution of agricultural drones under the Drone Promotion Scheme, the Minister expressed his gratitude.

Shri A. K. Gupta Director IFFCO Ltd., said IFFCO inspired by the objective of prosperity with the cooperation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had started a campaign a few months ago to purchase

2500 IFFCO farmer drones to ease the use of Nano Urea and Nano DAP, making it possible for the development of 5000 rural entrepreneurs. This is a big step towards sustainable agriculture and overall cooperative development for the upliftment of rural economy. An eco-friendly electric three-wheeler is also being provided with each drone to take the drone to the farmers' fields. IFFCO is committed to make PM Pranam Yojana a success by reducing the use of chemical fertilizers and promoting alternative fertilizers.

Shri S.S. In his address, Dalal Joint General Manager IFFCO Ltd., gave important information on the use of Nano Urea and Nano DAP in agriculture sector and encourage the farmers to use nano fertilizers.

Shri Shamsher Singh, State Marketing Manager, Haryana, welcomed the chief guest and gave information about the activities being run by IFFCO for the welfare of people in Haryana. There he said that under the Agricultural Drone Scheme, 100 men and 25 women have been trained by IFFCO in Haryana. There is an ambitious plan to prepare it as a rural enterprise in which agricultural drones and electrical vehicles will be provided free of cost to all 125 beneficiaries.

Dr. Anil Yadav, agricultural expert, Rewari, said that it is very important to bring changes in the agricultural system, IFFCO's Nano Urea and Nano DAP chemicals are better alternatives and use them in their farming, this will definitely give them good crop and economic benefits.