" SAMPURNA GRAM VIKASH – KISHAN SANMALEN "

Guwahati, November 10: In a bid to empower the farmer community of North East and to help them come out of their mental and emotional distress, the Rural Development Wing of Rajyoga Education and Research Organisaiton (RERF), a sister organisation of Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya has organised "Sampurna Gram Vikash Kishan Sanmalen" today at Sonaram H.S. Playground here. The program **aimed to introduce to the farmers the unique concept of "Shaswat Yogic Kheti" which is a judicious blend of Organic Farming and Rajyoga Meditation.** More than 3,000 farmers from various parts of the state participated in the august gathering attended by many dignitaries and officials from State Government as well.

Participating as Chief Guest from Mehsana, Gujrat, Rajyogini Brahma Kumari Sarala Didi, Chairperson, Agriculture and Rural Development Wing, RERF urged the farmers to adopt "Shaswat Yogic Kheti "for health and well being of the entire nation. She reiterated that just as Mahatma Gandhi had made a determined thought to free the country from British Rule, let the farmers use this power of thought and decide that they would not make their fellow countrymen consume poison in the name of enhanced productivity. She said that farm produce from Shaswat Yogic Kheti gives more nutrition, health and satisfaction than chemical based fertilizers besides being more effective than chemical pesticides.

Speaking as Special Guest, Sri Ranjit Das, President, Assam State Committee, BJP, expressed happiness that being a spiritual organisation, the Brahma Kumaris are beautifully accomplishing the task of farmer's empowerment which was hitherto considered as only government's duty. He said that the State Government is working tooth and nails to fulfil Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of making North-East hub of organic farming and would provide all necessary support to the Brahma Kumaris in their endeavour to empower farmers.

Dr John Ekka, Principal Secretary, Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Govt. of Assam addressed the gathering as representative of Minister of Panchayat and Rural Development, Govt. of Assam said that **today the same west which has introduced chemical farming has turned towards organic farming**. He also said that the state government has taken up various schemes to ensure that our food, water and environment does not get polluted by use of chemicals and urged the farmers to make use of all these schemes.

Brahma Kumar Sumanth Bhai, Head Quarter Co-ordinator, Agriculture and Rural Wing, RERF, Mount Abu explained to the farmers the ways and methods to implement Shaswat Yogic Kheti technique which not only improves quality of the produce but also its quantity.

Sri Dhiren Kalita, Principal Scientist, Assam Agricultural University stated that is a matter of grave concern that farmers are not able to make enough earning so that they can save for the education of their children and treatment of their family members. **He advised the farmers to take up multi crop cultivation to enhance their earnings and also approach the regional Krishi Vigyan Kendra regularly for help in this regard.**

Addressing the Kisan Sanmalen, **Sri Mukut Deka, Vice Chairman, GMDA** agreed that if Shaswat Yogic Kheti is implemented by farmers, the future of our coming generation gets secured.

The Kishan Sanmalen was also addressed by **Sri Pran Kumar Das, President and Sri.Mukul Bora, Vice President, BJP Kishan Morcha. Smt. Manju Rani Barman, Principal, Sonaram H. S. School** thanked the organisers to take up such an important issue and **wished that the government include Shaswat Yogic Kheti in School Curriculum.**

Earlier, Rajyogini Brahma Kumari Sheela, Incharge, Guwahati Sub-Zone, Brahma Kumaris welcomed the participants and Rajyogini Brahma Kumari Panchatapa conducted the mass meditation session. Rajyogini Brahma Kumari Jonali, Incharge, Nalbari and Baska Centers of Brahma Kumaris beautifully co-ordinated the stage and Sri. Vijay Gupta, Chairman, Assam Financial Corporation, Guwahati placed vote of thanks. A beautiful dance was also performed by group led by Ms. Namrata Tiwari and Brahma Kumari Mridu presented a song written by Lt. Bhupen Hazarika.