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**Bhasa Bhavan,
Alipur, Kolkata**

8-9th February, 2025



**State Agricultural Technologists' Service
Association (SATSA), West Bengal**

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State Agricultural Technologists' Service Association (SATSA), West Bengal, the foremost organization of the officers and scientists serving under the Department of Agriculture, Government of West Bengal celebrated its 10th Biennial General Meeting (74th Annual General Meeting) on the 8th and 9th of February, 2025 at Bhasa Bhaban, Alipore.

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Five progressive farmers/ farmers' group selected from districts of West Bengal were felicitated as “Krishi Rabi” 2025 for their outstanding agriculture related activities, in presence of the dignitaries and nine hundred members of the Association. Besides, four farmers/Farmers group were presented the Judges' choice Krishi Rabi award. Association also felicitated two promising farmers as Krishi Rabi.

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Sri Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay, Hon'ble MIC, Agriculture & Parliamentary Affairs, Govt. of West Bengal addressed the house and mentioned the role of SATSA (WB) for being instrumental in all round development of the farming community and praised the organizers for arranging such award ceremonies like "KRISHI RABI" for encouraging farmers & farmer groups as a whole. He also highlighted the pro farmer decisions of the State government. Agriculture being the Chief Minister's core subject of interest in developing the State, he thanked her for the steps taken by her for increasing farmers' income and the cropping intensity in the State and applauded farmers and Agricultural Technologists of the State for their inseparable role in this.

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Sri Pradip Mazumdar, Hon'ble MIC, P & RD & Co Operation, Govt. of West Bengal addressed the house and praised the departmental officers and scientists for their untiring effort in bringing about positive changes in terms of economic upgradation of the farmers of the State. He also stressed the need of co-ordination among different departments for overall improvement of rural livelihoods. He also praised SATSA (WB) for playing a pivotal role in overall development of farming community of the State. He had special mention about the manifold surge in hybrid maize production in the State and thanked the Agricultural technologists for their indelible contribution in this. He also lauded the trials for Soyabean varieties undertaken in the State and foresees a boom in poultry-feed production and the poultry-industry in the State.

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Sri Prabir Hazra, Director of Agriculture, West Bengal in his deliberation appreciated the performance of department of agriculture of the State during the past few years, especially in maize, pulses and oilseeds.



Sri Saradindu Paul, the outgoing President of SATSA, WB in his speech praised the State government for different pro farmer schemes and also acknowledged the contribution of members of SATSA, WB for successful implementation of the same at field level. He highlighted the commendable role of SATSA, WB in promoting climate-resilient agriculture, value addition in agriculture and natural/organic farming in the State.

On the occasion, SATSA, West Bengal published its Annual Publication; SATSA Mukhopatra - Annual Technical Issue - Volume-29.



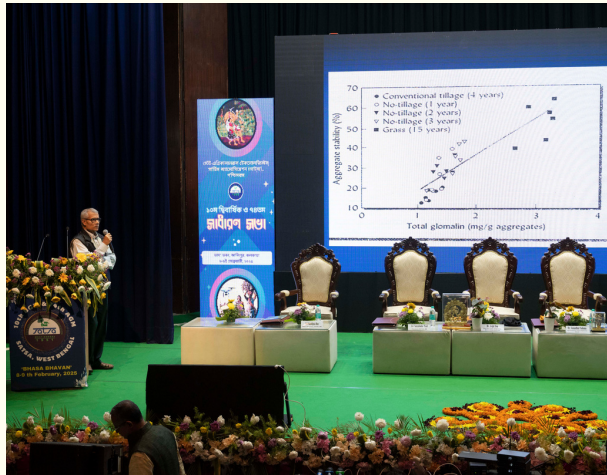
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The outgoing Office Secretary, SATSA, WB, Sri Sandipta Das thanked the State government for adopting recruitment rules for Director of Agriculture, WB & Ex Officio Secretary post. Besides praising the State Government for the pro-farmer policies adopted during the past few years the Association also placed the need for consideration for certain pertinent issues faced by the Department of Agriculture. Amongst them, he raised the issues like new recruitment of all vacant posts of WBAS (Admn.) officers, redistribution of posts in administrative wing, designated mobile along with SIM for official work, revamping the research wing of Directorate etc. As the Association is committed to the betterment of service catered by the State to the farmers, several steps for making the department more responsive were suggested in the BGM-note.

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As an integral part of General meeting, a seminar has been organized on 9th February, 2025 on topic - Regenerative Agriculture: Key to future farming. Ex Professor of BHU Dr. Avijit Sen will address the audience in the occasion. Several agri-entrepreneurs are also invited to present their activities in this occasion.



Shri Sandipta Das and Shri Dulal Biswas were elected as the President and the General Secretary of SATSA, West Bengal respectively for 2025 and 2026.