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PM releases 109 high-yielding, climate-resilient varieties of crops

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi released 109 high-yielding, climate and biofortified varieties of crops at India Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi.

Prime Minister also interacted with the farmers and scientists on the occasion. Discussing the importance of these new crop varieties, the Prime Minister stressed on the significance of value addition in agriculture. The farmers said that these new varieties will be highly beneficial as

they will help reduce their expenditure and also have a positive impact on the environment.

Prime Minister discussed the importance of millet and underlined how people are moving towards nutritious food. The farmers appreciated the efforts undertaken by the government to promote natural farming.

Prime Minister suggested that KVKs should proactively inform farmers about the benefits of the new varieties being developed every month to enhance awareness about their benefits.

The 109 varieties of 61 crops released by the Prime Minister included 34 field crops and 27 horticultural crops. Among the field crops, seeds of various cereals including millets, forage crops, oilseeds, pulses, sugarcane, cotton, fibre and other potential crops were released. Among the horticultural crops, different varieties of fruits, vegetable crops, plantation crops, tuber crops, spices, flowers and medicinal crops were released.

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