



A Three Days Kisan Mela started in Bikaner | Rajasthan | 28 Mar 2023

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On 27 March 2023, a three-days (March 27-29) **Kisan Mela** started under the joint auspices of the University and Atma at Swami Kesavanand Rajasthan Agricultural University located in Bikaner district of Rajasthan.

Key Points

- The Kisan Mela is being organized on the theme of '**Poshak Anaz, Sammriddh Kisaan**'.
- University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Arun Kumar said that about 100 exhibitions of various Central and State Government Departments, ICAR Institutes, State Agricultural Universities and private stall holders have been put up during the fair.
- Various competitions will be organized for the farmers during the fair. The first day of the fair will be celebrated as Fruit, Vegetable & Flower Day, the second day as Animal Husbandry Day and the third day as Crop Day.
- On this occasion, Energy Minister Bhanwar Singh Bhati said that historic decisions have been taken by the state government like Mukhyamantri Kisan Mitra Urja Yojana, making 2000 units of electricity available free of cost to the farmers every month.
- During this, the Agriculture Minister released various books like Mela Smarika, Mushroom Utpadan Taknik, Pragati ke Path par Agrasar Krishi Mahavidyalaya Mandawa, Harnessing the Potential of Millets for Agri Entrepreneurship.
- He awarded the farmers selected by Atma, the winners of various farmer competitions, the winners of the Chaudhary Charan Singh Memorial Award. On the other hand, Dr. Dayanand, in-charge of Krishi Vigyan Kendra Jhunjhunu, was honored as the best extension worker.
- During this, he also inaugurated the postgraduate girls' hostel and auditorium of Agriculture College.

Registration of Shops and Dog Breeders is now Mandatory | Rajasthan | 28 Mar 2023

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On 27 March 2023, K.C. Vishnoi said that taking effective steps for the safety and protection of pets in the state, the **Animal Welfare Board has made it mandatory to register dog breeders and pet shops operating in the state with the Animal Welfare Board.**

Key Points

- **The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Rules 2017 and 2018** have been implemented in the state for registration.
- Chairman of the Animal Husbandry Board, K.C. Bishnoi told that it will be mandatory to apply in the prescribed form to the State Animal Welfare Board, for such pet shops and dog breeders organizations which are in the category of registration under **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Dog Breeding and Marketing Rules) 2017** and **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Pet Shop Rules) 2018**.
- The license will be given by the local government department only after the registration in the board. The license will be valid for a period of five years, after which it will have to be renewed.
- During the registration process, the organization will be inspected by the officers authorized by the board and after registration, inspections will be done from time to time, so that quality work can be done in relation to breeding and maintenance of pet shops.
- The Chairman of the Animal Husbandry Board said that now the breeders will not be able to do the work of breeding in the state without registration. Breeders and pet shop owners can approach the office of the Joint Director of the Districts of the State and the State Animal Welfare Board.

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