



Kisan Diwas

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The 'Kisan Diwas' or National Farmers Day is observed across the country on **23rd December** to celebrate the birth anniversary of **Chaudhary Charan Singh**, the former Prime Minister of India.

- It is celebrated to promote awareness among the citizens to understand the importance of the contributions of the farmers to the society and overall economic and social development of a country.
- Government also aims to encourage the farmers across the country by organizing various activities like debates and seminars on agriculture.



Chaudhary Charan Singh

- He was born in **1902** at Noorpur in **Meerut district of Uttar Pradesh** and was the Prime Minister of India from 28 July 1979 to 14 January 1980.
- Being a **proponent of rural and agricultural development** he made continuous efforts for keeping agriculture at the centre of planning for India.
- He took a leading part in formulation and finalisation of the **Debt Redemption Bill 1939**, in order to give relief to the peasantry from moneylenders.

- He was instrumental in bringing about the **Land Holding Act, 1960** which was aimed at lowering the ceiling on land holdings to make it uniform throughout the State.
- He was the **author of several books and pamphlets**, including 'Abolition of Zamindari', 'Co-operative Farming X-rayed', 'India's Poverty and its Solution', 'Peasant Proprietorship or Land to the Workers' and 'Prevention of Division of Holdings Below a Certain Minimum'.

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