

**Skill Development Centres for Farmers will be established
with the help of Netherlands : Chief Minister**

**Netherlands Government would extend assistance
in sewage treatment and cleaning Yamuna river in Agra**

**Netherlands to support in Solid Waste Management, Urban
Development and Infrastructure, Water Management, Water
Supply, cleanliness of water resources, sewage treatment,
transport management and revival of water bodies**

**Netherlands and UP to work together for smart cities, power
expertise in industry, cycle tracks, agriculture, dairy and horticulture**

**In presence of the Chief Minister, Ambassador of
Netherlands and UP Chief Secretary sign MoU**

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Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mr. Akhilesh Yadav has said that for providing facilities and agri-techniques to farmers of the state, a skill development centre would be established in UP, with the cooperation of Netherlands.

With this facility, the farmers would get information of not only food processing but also of how modern techniques can be also used for better produce of sugarcane, potato, dairy development and flowers. Other than this, the Dutch government would also help in cleaning the Yamuna in Agra and in sewage treatment.

With regards to this, an MoU was signed by the Dutch Ambassador Mr. Alphonsus Stoelinga and the UP Chief Secretary Mr. Deepak Singhal, in the presence of the UP Chief Minister at his official residence.

According to the MoU, Netherlands would assist Uttar Pradesh in Solid Waste Management, Urban Development and Infrastructure,

Water Management, Water Supply, cleanliness of water resources, sewage treatment, transport management and revival of water bodies.

Other than this, it would also help in land reclamation of 1500 acres in the Ganga basin in Kanpur and development of cultural heritage. The Chief Minister said that by works undertaken under the MoU, income of farmers would increase and that agriculture production would increase, dairy industry would be modernised and modern technology would be introduced in the food-processing industry.

The MoU would also boost the agro-processing industry, especially units based on potato and many new jobs would also be created. The chief minister also added that the two governments would take up skill development, training, research, symposiums and educational journeys and that with this PPP would also be encouraged.

Documents pertaining to the MoU were also exchanged in presence of the Chief Minister and Mr. Yadav presented the Dutch ambassador a photo-collection based book. On this occasion, the Chief Secretary informed the media that the Chief Minister during his visit to Netherlands in September of 2014 had closely seen the remarkable work done by the Dutch in sectors like dairy, flower production and sale, food processing and sewage treatment.

Thereafter, he had asked the state government officers to make the best use of the expertise of Netherlands, following which the MoU were inked today. Mr. Singhal also added that soon work on the MoU would begin at the earliest.

Also, present on the occasion were Political Pensions Minister Mr. Rajendra Chowdhary, Chief Advisor to the Chief Minister; Mr. Alok Ranjan, MLC Mr. Madhukar Jaitley and other officers.
