

# Amit Shah pitches for nano-DAP use, sees ₹10,000-cr saving in import subsidy

**ORGANIC PUSH.** Minister calls for a second Green Revolution to ensure self-sufficiency in all food items

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Nearly four months after launching IFFCO's nano-DAP in Delhi, Co-operation Minister Amit Shah on Saturday laid the foundation of the co-operative's manufacturing unit at Kalol in Kandla, Gujarat. Shah hoped that the innovation in rolling out the world's first liquid DAP fertilizer would help the government save ₹10,000 crore in foreign exchange by reducing the subsidy on imports.

Addressing a meeting at the plant site, attended by farmers, BJP leaders and IFFCO executives, including its Chairman Dileep Sanghani and Managing Director Uday Shankar Awasthi, Shah said there is need for a second Green Revolution (in natural farming) in the coun-



**PRODUCTION BOOST.** Amit Shah said that the upcoming nano-DAP production plant in Kalol will produce 2 lakh bottles (of 500 ml each) of nano-DAP everyday

try for ensuring self-sufficiency in all food products.

"When I said the government will save ₹10,000 crore, do not assume that we will cut the subsidy. We will pass on the amount to you," Shah clarified to farmers. According to the recently introduced scheme, PM-Pranam, the Centre has promised to pass on 50 per cent savings from lower consumption of

conventional chemical fertilizers by adopting natural farming or better alternatives such as nano-urea and nano-DAP.

The government has made a provision of ₹44,000 crore for subsidy on phosphorus and potash for 2023-24 fiscal (BE), as against ₹71,122.23 crore in 2022-23 (RE). The subsidy on P&K fertilizers, which are mainly imported,

reached ₹16,035.29 crore in the April-June quarter of the current fiscal.

In April, when Shah inaugurated the commercial launch of nano-DAP, it was manufactured in a small plant at Coimbatore. But the Kalol plant will be exclusively for nano-DAP production on a large scale, officials said. The Minister said the Kalol plant will produce 2 lakh bottles (of 500 ml each) every day.

## 5-CR BOTTLES TARGET

Production at the Kalol unit will start this year, once the plant is ready as IFFCO targets producing 5 crore bottles of nano-DAP (equivalent to 25 lakh tonnes of granular DAP) by March 31, 2024. By FY26, IFFCO aims to produce 18 crore bottles at three plants.

Shah said India needs a

new Green Revolution to show the path of natural farming to the world and lead the way for prosperity of farmers. This revolution will bring wealth from across the world to India by finding markets for organic products, he said.

The new Green Revolution should aim for three things. First, to make India self-sufficient in not just wheat and paddy, but food items of every kind, be it pulses or oilseeds. Second, to increase per acre production and preserve soil by encouraging natural farming. Third, bring prosperity to farmers by finding markets for natural farming produce, he said. The government is committed to achieving these three aims, and his Ministry has set up three multi-State cooperative societies to achieve them, he added.