

## **After Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra & Karnataka, GNFC Neem Project expands in Uttar Pradesh**

In order to fulfill Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of 100% Neem coating of Urea, Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers & Chemicals Limited (GNFC) undertook an innovative multidimensional socio economic Neem Project in 2015. **GNFC Neem Project by collecting over 45,000 MT of Neem seeds has generated over INR 45 crore income for 4.5 lakh women.** In the last three years, it has expanded to other states namely Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, etc. **Recently, on 8th October 2017, Hon'ble Prime Minister inaugurated GNFC's Neem complex consisting of various Neem product plants. Hon'ble Prime Minister, in his address on this occasion in Bharuch has extensively praised the Neem products of GNFC.**

This year, GNFC has partnered with IFFCO to mobilise women for Neem seed collection in Uttar Pradesh. Along with the Cooperative Rural Development Trust (CORDET) of IFFCO, it is intended to collect around 5000-10,000 MT of Neem seeds from hundreds of villages of Uttar Pradesh, especially in the districts of Hardoi, Sitapur, Barabanki, Raebareli, Amethi, Sultanpur, Farukhabad, Jhansi, Kanpur, Allahabad and many more. To ensure that income is generated for the thousands of women, GNFC will supply these Neem seeds to Neem oil expelling plant set up by IFFCO at Phulpur. Through this, IFFCO will get the required quantity of Neem Seeds for its processing plant for extraction of pure Neem oil required for coating its Urea.