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Dear *Dr Chattopadhyay,*

I am writing to convey my heartfelt thanks to you for organising an excellent visit for the Australian Government funded project on Sustainable Resilient Farming Systems Intensification (SRFSI) in Coochbehar.

I am impressed with the progress of the project primarily and with the leadership provided by Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya (led by yourself) and the committed and dynamic team of scientists and officials.

It was heartening to observe the positive response of the farmers, especially women to conservation and sustainable farming, and how the technology has improved incomes, reduced drudgery, had positive health impacts and facilitated the development of agri-entrepreneurs.

I would love to return to observe further progress in due course.

I wish you and your team success in reaching out to farmers in north Bengal and working together with them to improve their lives and those of future generations.

Yours sincerely

Harinder Sidhu