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## ICAR-KVK Conducts Awareness Programme Under Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026 in North and Middle Andaman



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As part of the ongoing Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026, ICAR–Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Nimbudera, in collaboration with the UTATMA under the Department of Agriculture, A&N Administration, organised an awareness programme for farmers at Pinakinagar and Kamlapur villages in North and Middle Andaman district.

The programme focused on creating awareness about the balanced and judicious use of fertilizers, the importance of Soil Health Cards, organic and natural farming practices, and various government schemes available for the farming community.

During the programme, experts highlighted the importance of integrated nutrient management through the combined use of inorganic and organic fertilizers to maintain soil health and ensure sustainable agricultural productivity. Farmers were encouraged to adopt environmentally friendly agricultural practices such as vermicomposting and the use of biofertilizers, including Azotobacter, Azospirillum, and Vesicular Arbuscular Mycorrhiza (VAM).

The resource persons also explained the benefits of organic and natural farming in improving soil fertility, enhancing crop yields, reducing cultivation costs, and promoting environmental sustainability.

Farmers actively participated in the interactive session and raised queries related to crop production, nutrient management, and government support programmes. The programme provided a platform for disseminating scientific agricultural knowledge and promoting sustainable farming practices among the farming community.

The awareness programme was conducted under the overall guidance of Dr. Jai Sunder, Director (Acting), ICAR-CIARI, Sri Vijaya Puram. A total of 20 farmers participated in the programme.