

## Farmers Sensitized on Soil Health and Balanced Fertilizer Use Under Khet Bachao Abhiyan



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As part of the nationwide month-long “Khet Bachao Abhiyan” being observed from June 1 to 30, 2026, the Department of Agriculture, Andaman and Nicobar Administration, in association with the Agriculture Technology Management Agency (ATMA) and ICAR–Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), South Andaman, has launched a series of awareness and demonstration programmes across the Islands to promote sustainable and scientific farming practices.

The campaign aims to create awareness among farmers about the balanced use of fertilizers and other agricultural inputs based on soil testing, while enhancing their capacity in the use of balanced fertilizers, green manure, and organic and biological products. The initiative also seeks to encourage natural farming through training programmes, awareness campaigns, and field demonstrations, besides improving soil health through the adoption of Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) practices and proper application of agricultural inputs.

As part of the ongoing campaign, awareness programmes were conducted on June 1 at Collinpur and Namunaghar villages in South Andaman. During the programmes, farmers were sensitized on the importance of balanced and judicious use of fertilizers, soil health management, Integrated Nutrient Management, soil sample collection techniques, weather-based crop advisories, and water conservation practices.

Technical experts participating in the programmes highlighted the adverse effects of the indiscriminate use of chemical fertilizers and stressed the importance of nutrient application based on soil test recommendations to maintain long-term soil fertility and agricultural productivity.

Farmers were also informed about various Government schemes, including the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Kisan Credit Card (KCC), and Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). They were encouraged to adopt scientific and climate-resilient farming practices to enhance crop productivity while ensuring the conservation of natural resources.

The programmes witnessed active participation from farmers, Farmer Friends, ATMA functionaries, and representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions. Officials informed that similar awareness campaigns, demonstrations, and training programmes will be organized throughout the month in all blocks of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands under the Khet Bachao Abhiyan.