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Farmer Awareness Campaign on “Balanced Use of Fertilizers”

In Commemoration of 75th Year of India Independence (Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav), Online Farmer Awareness Campaign and various technical sessions were organized for the farmers on “**Balanced Use of Fertilizers**” by Krishi Vigyan Kendra & ICAR-CICR, Nagpur through Google Meet online video meeting platform on 18th June 2021.

On the occasion, Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR & Chairman KVK, Dr. Lakhan Singh, Director, ICAR, ATARI-VII, Pune, Dr. Blaise Desouza, Head, Division of Crop Production, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, Dr. Sunil N. Rokde, PS (LP&M) & Head, KVK, ICAR, CICR, Nagpur were present in the meeting and Scientists of CICR also participated in the programme online.

On the outset, Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur delivered presidential address and stressed on Balanced Use of Fertilizers by farmers to reduce cost of cultivation and stop further degradation of soil in order to increase productivity of cotton and other crops. He highlighted utilization of soil testing Lab at KVK for testing soil and issuing Soil health cards for better soil nutrient management.



Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur addressing the farmers in the awareness programme organized by KVK, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on the theme “Balanced use of Fertilizer”.

Chief Guest Dr. Blaise Desouza, Head, Division of Crop Production, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur advised farmers to use recommended dose of fertilizers and maximize the usage of Farm Yard Manure, Vermicompost, Biofertilizers etc. to retain the fertility of soil.

Introductory remarks were presented by Dr. Sunil N. Rokde, Head, KVK, ICAR CICR, Nagpur. In his remarks he focused on soil testing to be done every three years and following soil health cards for correct usage of fertilizers on recommendations given in soil health cards by experts.

Later on Technical Sessions on Importance of Balanced Use of Fertilizers, Judicious Use of Fertilizers using 4 R's Approach, Collection and Analysis of Soil Sample and Use Soil Health Card in Fertilizer Management were given by Dr. Ramakrishna G. I., Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, Smt. Rachna Deshmukh, Sr. Technical Assistant, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, Dr. A. Manikandan, Scientist (Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur. Vote of thanks was given by Dr. Subhash S. Patil, SMS (Agril. Extn.), KVK, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur.

Twenty five farmers of Umred and Kalmeshwar Tahsil were present physically and 50 farmers joined online in this training programme. Information regarding organic manure making, vermicompost, composting was given to the farmers and demonstration units were shown to them.