

KVK Nicobar Conducts Awareness Programmes on Green Leaf Manure Under Khet Bachao Abhiyan



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Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Nicobar, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, conducted an awareness programme on the "Importance and Use of Green Leaf Manure for Improving Soil Fertility" at Munak Village in Nancowry under the Khet Bachao Abhiyan.

The programme witnessed the participation of 30 farmers and farm women, who were sensitized about the role of green leaf manure in enhancing soil fertility, increasing soil organic matter, boosting microbial activity, and improving the soil's moisture retention capacity.

During the programme, the Subject Matter Specialist (SMS) of ICAR-KVK CIARI Nicobar explained the significance of green leaf manure in sustaining agricultural productivity. Farmers were informed that the incorporation of green leaf manure enriches soil with organic matter, improves nutrient availability, enhances soil structure, and promotes beneficial microbial activity essential for healthy crop growth.

The expert also highlighted how the practice helps improve moisture retention, reduces dependence on chemical fertilizers, and contributes to long-term soil health. Participants were educated on locally available sources of green leaf manure and appropriate application methods to achieve better crop growth and higher yields.

An interactive session was held during which farmers shared their experiences and raised queries related to soil health management and organic farming practices. The experts addressed the concerns and provided recommendations suited to local farming conditions.

Participants appreciated the initiative and expressed their willingness to adopt green leaf manuring practices in their farms to improve soil health and crop productivity.

A similar awareness programme was also organized at Campbell Bay in Great Nicobar to promote sustainable soil fertility management through the use of green leaf manure among farmers.

The programme is being coordinated by Dr. Santosh Kumar, Head, ICAR-KVK CIARI Nicobar, under the guidance of Dr. Jai Sunder, Director, ICAR-CIARI, Sri Vijaya Puram.

Through the Khet Bachao Abhiyan, ICAR-KVK Nicobar continues to strengthen farmers' knowledge of eco-friendly soil management practices aimed at improving crop productivity and enhancing agricultural resilience across the Nicobar Islands.