

Press Note

ICAR-NIBSM participated in Awareness Programme on Balanced Use of Fertilizers under Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan at Village- Budeni, Kharora, CG

Under the ongoing *Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan*, scientists of ICAR–National Institute of Biotic Stress Management (ICAR-NIBSM), Raipur participated in awareness programme at Village Budeni, Kharora block, Raipur district on May 7, 2026. The programme focused on promoting balanced and efficient use of fertilizers along with sustainable agricultural practices for enhancing farmers' income and soil health.

During the programme, Dr. P. N. Sivalingam addressed the farmers on the importance of balanced fertilizer application based on soil health and crop requirement. He emphasized integrated nutrient management practices to improve productivity while maintaining long-term soil fertility.

Dr. K. C. Sharma delivered a lecture on judicious use of pesticides and highlighted the need for safe and need-based application of plant protection chemicals to minimize environmental and health hazards. He also elaborated on water-saving technologies and efficient irrigation practices for sustainable agriculture under changing climatic conditions.

The scientists further encouraged farmers to adopt improved crop varieties for higher yield and resilience against biotic and abiotic stresses. Information regarding various Government schemes beneficial to farmers was also shared during the interaction.

A total of 47 farmers, including 35 male and 12 female farmers, actively participated in the programme. Five Government officials and two ICAR scientists were also present during the event. Farmers from Village Budeni and nearby areas interacted enthusiastically with the experts regarding crop management practices and government support initiatives.

