

ICAR-NIBSM Conducts Month-long Khet Bachao Abhiyan Across Raipur District

Raipur, 1 July 2026: The ICAR–National Institute of Biotic Stress Management (ICAR-NIBSM), Raipur, successfully conducted a month-long **Khet Bachao Abhiyan** during June 2026 to enhance farmers' preparedness for the Kharif season. The campaign covered villages across the **Tilda, Dharsiwa, and Aarang** blocks of Raipur district through a series of village-level awareness and capacity-building programmes.

A total of **36 awareness programmes** were organized, benefiting **1,720 farmers and stakeholders**, including **1,010 male** and **710 female** participants. Local public representatives actively participated in all the programmes, reflecting strong community engagement and support.

The campaign focused on disseminating scientific recommendations on **integrated pest and disease management, early identification and management of biotic stresses, balanced and judicious fertilizer management based on soil health, climate-resilient crop production practices, and alternate crop and contingency planning to address the delayed onset of the southwest monsoon**. Scientists also provided timely advisories on crop management strategies to minimize production risks and improve farm resilience.

Special awareness programmes were organized at ICAR-NIBSM, including a **PM-Kisan** event that attracted over **220 participants**, providing an effective platform for direct interaction between scientists and farmers.

The field programmes were conducted by **Dr. Priyanka Meena** and **Dr. K. C. Sharma**, who interacted extensively with farmers and addressed their queries on crop protection, nutrient management, and climate-resilient agricultural practices.

The **Khet Bachao Abhiyan** was coordinated by **Dr. A. Amarender Reddy, Joint Director, ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur**, as the **Nodal Officer**, under the overall guidance of **Dr. P. K. Rai, Director, ICAR-NIBSM, Raipur**. Dr. Rai appreciated the efforts of the scientific team in effectively transferring research-based technologies to farmers and reiterated the institute's commitment to strengthening sustainable and resilient agriculture through continued field outreach and farmer-centric extension activities.



