

ICAR and RPCAU Lead Farmer-Centric Khet Bachao Abhiyan to Promote Natural Farming and Soil Health in Bihar

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A mega district-level conference-cum-training programme on “Khet Bachao Abhiyan, Natural Farming and Kharif Campaign 2026” was successfully organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Piprakothi, East Champaran, under Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University (RPCAU), Pusa, Bihar. The event brought together 4,238 farmers, including 3,160 male and 1,080 female participants, along with scientists, extension personnel, policymakers, and public representatives to promote soil health conservation, natural farming, balanced nutrient management, and climate-resilient agriculture.



Organized under the nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026, the programme focused on protecting soil health, reducing excessive dependence on chemical fertilizers, promoting sustainable farming practices, and enhancing farmers’ resilience to climate change. A comprehensive technical session on natural farming covered the principles and practices of natural farming, soil health management through green manuring and organic amendments, preparation and application of Jeevamrit, Beejamrit and Ghanjeevamrit, integrated nutrient and pest management, crop residue recycling, and climate-resilient farming technologies, four extension folders were released.

Addressing the gathering as the Chief Guest, Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Motihari; Chairman, Parliamentary Standing Committee on Defence; and Former Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, emphasized that soil is the soul of Indian agriculture. He stated that healthy soil is the foundation of healthy crops, prosperous farmers, and national food security. He encouraged farmers to adopt natural and organic farming practices, increase the use of farmyard manure, vermicompost, green manures, crop residue recycling, and biofertilizers, and focus on restoring soil organic carbon and beneficial microbial activity for long-term soil fertility.

The Special Guest, Shri Ramchandra Prasad, Hon'ble Minister, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Government of Bihar, highlighted the importance of climate-resilient and resource-efficient agriculture for addressing emerging environmental challenges and ensuring food security for future generations.

Welcoming the participants, Dr. Ratnesh Kumar Jha, Director of Extension Education, RPCAU, Pusa, highlighted the critical role of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in technology dissemination, farmer capacity building, and strengthening the linkage between agricultural research and field-level adoption.

Dr. Raghavendra Singh, Director, ICAR–Mahatma Gandhi Integrated Farming Research Institute (MGIFRI), Piprakothi, emphasized balanced fertilizer use, soil-test-based nutrient management, and the integration of legumes, green manures, and biofertilizers in cropping systems to improve soil fertility, nutrient-use efficiency, and farm profitability.

The programme was attended by several distinguished public representatives, including Shri Krishnanandan Paswan, Hon'ble MLA, Harsidhi and Former Minister, Government of Bihar; Shri Pramod Kumar, Hon'ble MLA, Motihari and Former Minister, Government of Bihar; Shri Shyambabu Prasad Yadav, Hon'ble MLA, Pipra; Shri Sachindra Prasad Singh, Hon'ble MLA, Kalyanpur; Smt. Shalini Mishra, Hon'ble MLA, Kesaria; Shri Sunil Mani Tiwari, Former MLA; Shri Lalan Sahni, Hon'ble Chairman, State Fisheries Commission; Shri Lalbabu Prasad, Hon'ble Deputy Mayor, Motihari; and Shri Pawan Raj, Hon'ble Public Representative.

The programme was also attended by KVKs heads, along with scientists, extension personnel, officials from ICAR institutes, RPCAU, the Department of Agriculture, Government of Bihar, and Krishi Vigyan Kendras. The event was jointly coordinated by Dr. A. K. Singh, Senior Scientist & Head, KVK Piprakothi, and Shri Manish Kumar, District Agriculture Officer, Motihari, with active support from participating institutions and stakeholders.

The programme was organized with the support of ICAR-ATARI, Patna, under the overall guidance of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RPCAU, Pusa.



The conference-cum-training programme concluded with a collective pledge to promote soil health restoration, natural farming, balanced nutrient management, climate-resilient agriculture, and sustainable farming practices for ensuring long-term food security, environmental sustainability, and improved livelihoods of farmers across Bihar.