

ICAR-NAARM organized Farmers Awareness Campaign on “Balanced Use of Fertilizers”

ICAR- National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM), Hyderabad organized a Farmers Awareness Campaign on “Balanced Use of Fertilizers” in virtual mode on 18th June 2021, as a part of Celebration of 75 Years of Indian Independence. The campaign was attended by about 85 members including 60 farmers from 6 different villages and 4 districts of Telangana state. Also 25 members of PGDMA-ABM students, faculty, officers and staff of the Academy have participated.

Shri Gone Shyamsunder Rao, Progressive Farmer and Member, RAC and IMC of NAARM was the Chief Guest on this occasion. Shri Shyamsunder lucidly explained the importance of Balanced Fertilizer Use to the audience citing his own personal experiences as a practicing farmer.

Dr. G. Jayasree, Head, Department of Soil Science, PJTSAU and Dr. Uma Reddy, Associate Director of Research, RARS, Warangal of PJTSAU interacted with farmers on various aspects like Soil Health, Soil Testing, Sample Collection for Soil Testing, Inter cropping with legume crops, Soil Management related to Balanced Use of Fertilizers.

Dr. Ch. Srinivasa Rao, Director, ICAR-NAARM in his address highlighted the critical importance of soil as a living resource for the sustenance of farming and why balanced use of fertilizers by farmers is essential. He urged the participant farmers to share the messages with other farmers in their village and other villages so as to rapidly spread knowledge on Balanced Use of Fertilizers.

Dr. G. Venkateshwarlu, Joint Director, ICAR-NAARM in his remarks spoke on the remarkable progress made in agriculture since Independence and also the need to preserve soil for posterity with proper and balanced fertilizer use.

Dr. Bharat S. Sontakki, Head, Extension Systems Management delivered welcome address, while Dr. M. Ramesh Naik, Scientist, Research Systems Management Division proposed Vote of Thanks on this occasion.

Total number of participants attended are given below table:

S.No	Name of the institute	No of participants attended		Name of prominent persons attended
		No of students/scientists attended	No .of farmers attended	
1.	ICAR-NAARM, Rajendranagar, Hyderabad.	25	60	Shri Gone Shyamsunder Rao, Progressive Farmer and Member, RAC and IMC of NAARM



