Report on the Field Visit under Khet Bachao Abhiyan

Institute/Department: ICAR-NAARM, Telangana

Date: 26 October 2026

Village: Srinivasula Gudem

Mandal: Nandigam

District: Ranga Reddy

Number of Participants: 40 farmers (34 men and 6 women)

An awareness programme under the "Khet Bachao Abhiyan" was conducted by ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad, on 26 October 2026 at Srinivasula Gudem village, Nandigam Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. The programme was attended by 50 participants, including 40 men and 10 women. The Sarpanch, former Sarpanch, farmers and other village representatives participated in the programme.

Dr. G.R.K. Murthy highlighted the importance of conserving natural resources and maintaining soil health. He discussed the need to adapt cropping patterns, adopt micro-irrigation methods, and develop alternative sources of income through livestock and poultry. He also demonstrated the use of mobile applications such as Plantix to help farmers access crop-related information and timely suggestions.

Dr. N. Srinivasa Rao, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NAARM, highlighted the importance of understanding and preparing for the possible effects of El Niño on agricultural conditions and the need for farmers to make informed crop-management decisions. He emphasized the use of Soil Health Cards as a basis for assessing soil nutrient status and applying fertilizers in a balanced and need-based manner. He also explained the importance of appropriate nutrient management, including the judicious use of fertilizers and organic sources, to maintain soil fertility and support crop productivity. Farmers were encouraged to make use of eligible government subsidies and agricultural support schemes, while seeking information from the relevant departments. Dr. Rao further stressed the need for proper crop residue management and discouraging residue burning, highlighting practices that help conserve soil resources and promote sustainable agriculture.

The programme provided an opportunity for farmers and village representatives to engage with the scientists on soil health, crop management and sustainable farming practices. It reinforced the importance of informed decision-making, efficient use of agricultural inputs and conservation of natural resources for improving farm sustainability.

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