

Awareness and Training Programme under “Khet Bachao Abhiyan”

Date: 18 June 2026

An awareness and training programme under *Khet Bachao Abhiyan* was successfully organized on 18 June 2026 at Kalus village, Khed taluka, Pune district with the objective of educating farmers on sustainable agriculture, soil health management, environmental conservation, and advanced onion production technologies.

The programme was conducted by Dr. Kalyani Gorrepati, Senior Scientist, Mr. Radha Krishna, Senior Scientist, Dr. Sanket More, Senior Scientist and Dr. Avinash Wakhare, Technical Officer from ICAR-Directorate of Onion and Garlic Research, Pune. Mrs. Pallavi Kanade, Assistant Agricultural Officer was also present in the programme along with 30 farmers.

Addressing the gathering, the team elaborated on the objectives and significance of the “Khet Bachao Abhiyan,” highlighting the importance of adopting sustainable farming methods to improve agricultural productivity while protecting natural resources. The scientists provided comprehensive guidance on onion bulb and seed crop cultivation with reduced use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. They emphasized the benefits of drip irrigation, mulching, and integrated crop management practices for achieving higher onion yields and better crop health. Farmers were also encouraged to adopt the “One Village – One Variety” approach for onion seed production in order to maintain varietal purity and enhance seed quality. Experts explained the selection of suitable onion varieties according to different growing seasons and discussed important pre-harvest and post-harvest management practices to reduce storage losses and improve the shelf life of onion bulbs.

The special emphasis was given on seed treatment practices before nursery sowing during the *kharif* season. A field demonstration on *kharif* nursery management was also conducted by the ICAR-DOGR team, where farmers were given practical guidance on nursery bed preparation, seed treatment, sowing methods, and early crop management practices.

Mrs. Pallavi Kanade, Assistant Agricultural Officer emphasised to adopt Broad Bed Furrow (BBF) method for soybean cultivation and sensitised about various State and Central Government welfare schemes available for farmers. During interaction, the officer enquired about Kisan Cards and encouraged all farmers to enrol in the scheme to access government benefits and services. The field visit to demonstrate Broad Bed Furrow with Drip Irrigation technology was also organized after the training programme.



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