

## **Awareness and Training Programme under “Khet Bachao Abhiyan”**

**Date: 19 June 2026**

An awareness and training programme under the *Khet Bachao Abhiyan* was successfully conducted at Gulani village in Pune district with the objective of creating awareness among farmers regarding soil health management, environmental conservation, and advanced onion production technologies. The programme was conducted by Dr. Satish Kumar, Senior Scientist, Dr. Soumia P.S., Senior Scientist, and Mr. Dhananjay Shirsat, Junior Research Fellow from ICAR-Directorate of Onion and Garlic Research (ICAR-DOGR), Pune. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Navnath Rakshe from TVS, and was attended by 31 farmers.

Addressing the gathering, the team highlighted the objectives and significance of the “Khet Bachao Abhiyan” and emphasized the need for adopting sustainable agricultural practices to enhance productivity while conserving natural resources. The scientists provided comprehensive guidance on onion bulb and seed crop cultivation with reduced dependence on chemical fertilizers and pesticides. They also emphasized the importance of soil health assessment and the adoption of integrated crop management practices for improving onion yield and crop health, thereby reducing the indiscriminate use of agrochemicals and promoting the conservation of soil health and the environment. Farmers were encouraged to adopt the bio fertilizers and eco-friendly approaches for pest management. The experts explained the selection of suitable onion varieties for different growing seasons and discussed important pre-harvest and post-harvest management practices to minimize storage losses and improve the shelf life of onion bulbs.

During the interaction session, farmers raised queries regarding Soil Health Cards, and the scientists explained their importance in assessing soil fertility and enabling balanced nutrient management for sustainable crop production. The programme concluded with an interactive discussion and a vote of thanks.



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