

Report of MGMG Team, ICAR- DOGR, Pune

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Under the *Intensive Awareness Campaign for Adoption of Science-Based Nutrient and Other Input Management*, a training cum awareness programme was organized through SCSP on 30 April 2026 at Vetale village, Taluka Rajgurunagar, District Pune. The programme aimed to promote the judicious and balanced application of fertilizers and to educate farmers on reducing excessive fertilizer use. The programme was conducted by MGMG team of scientists viz., Dr. Shailendra S. Gadge, Principal Scientist & Nodal Officer (MGMG & SCSP), Dr. A. Thangasamy, Principal Scientist, and Dr. Satish Kumar, Sr Scientist. Total 31 farmers (26 Male, 5 female) attended the programme.

During the session, the team explained the objectives of the awareness campaign to all farmers in detail and highlighted various technologies developed by ICAR-DOGR along with their potential benefits in improving productivity and income. The scientists emphasized the importance of the judicious use of fertilizers and discussed the adverse effects of excessive chemical fertilizer application, such as soil degradation, increased pest susceptibility, health hazards, and environmental issues. In addition to chemical inputs, the team promoted the concept of Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), which combines mineral fertilizers with bio-stimulants, green manuring, and organic amendments. This approach helps restore soil microbial activity and maintain overall soil health. Farmers were also guided on proper nursery management practices, and treatments to be followed before transplanting. The team discussed the appropriate harvesting time for onions and various post-harvest management practices to minimize storage losses and improve market value. The team also informed the participants about SCSP activities, encouraging them to take advantage of such schemes.





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