

Report on MGMT Programme Conducted at Kottige Manchenahalli village in Doddaballapur Taluk of Chikkaballapur district on 04-05-2026

The MGMT programme was organized to raise awareness among farmers on the importance of balanced fertilizer use for sustainable agriculture. It was held on 4th May 2026 at Kottige Manchenahalli village in Doddaballapur Taluk of Chikkaballapur district. The event was conducted by ICAR–National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources (NBAIR) in collaboration with KVK Doddaballapur, with active participation from 42 farmers.

The programme was attended by NBAIR scientists, including Dr. M. Pratheepa, Dr. Gandhi Gracy, Dr. B.S. Gotyal, and Dr. K. Selvaraj, along with subject matter experts from KVK Doddaballapur—Dr. Ningaraju, Dr. Balaji, and Dr. Gopal. The session began with a welcome address by Dr. B.S. Gotyal, who highlighted the significance of such awareness programmes in enhancing agricultural productivity and promoting sustainability through balanced fertilizer use.

The technical sessions emphasized practical and eco-friendly farming practices for the judicious application of fertilizers. Dr. B.S. Gotyal discussed the role of balanced fertilization in maintaining soil fertility and ensuring sustainable crop production, along with the benefits of biofertilizers and biopesticides. Dr. K. Selvaraj spoke about the use of *Isaria fumosorosea* for eco-friendly management of whiteflies in coconut and stressed the importance of potash application for controlling mites. Dr. Gandhi Gracy highlighted the importance of soil testing and the use of soil health cards. Dr. M. Pratheepa explained the use of various mobile applications developed by ICAR-NBAIR and discussed the role of organic fertilizers in crop production.

The programme concluded with an interactive session, during which farmers shared their feedback and expressed appreciation for the valuable knowledge gained.







