

Report on MGMG & Khet Bachao Abhiyan Programme Conducted at t Devaragudipalli Village, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapur District, Karnataka on 01- 07-2026

The MGMG programme was successfully organized as a farmer awareness campaign on soil health management and balanced fertilizer use on 01 July 2026 at **Devaragudipalli Village**, Bagepalli Taluk, Chikkaballapur District by the ICAR-NBAIR. The programme was attended by 32 participants.

The programme was coordinated by NBAIR scientists **Dr. Shivakumara K.T.** and **Dr. Omprakash Navik.** In the welcome address, Dr. Shivakumara K.T. emphasized the importance of soil health management, balanced fertilizer use, fertilizer use efficiency and soil health cards.

The technical sessions focused on various aspects of integrated soil health management and balanced nutrient application under the MGMG initiative. Dr. Shivakumara K.T. delivered a lecture on fertilizer use efficiency, soil health maintenance, soil health cards, and soil testing laboratory facilities. He highlighted the significance of integrated nutrient management through the combined use organic manures, and biofertilizers for sustaining soil productivity. Special emphasis was given green manure and vermicomposting to improving soil microbial activity, and increasing crop productivity. Further explained the importance soil organic carbon and improving soil structure and also elaborated on crop-specific and soil test-based nutrient recommendations.

Omprakash Navik delivered a technical session on the importance of micronutrients and crop diversification for maintaining agricultural sustainability.

The programme concluded with an interactive discussion session during which farmers raised queries regarding soil testing and soil test-based fertilizer recommendations. The participants highly appreciated the practical recommendations shared by the scientists, particularly on green manuring and vermicomposting.

