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Union Minister of State For Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Ram Nath Thakur



CHENNAI – 11 Nov, 2026 Union Minister of State For Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Ram Nath Thakur participates in Khet Bachao Abhiyan in North 24 Parganas.

As part of the nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan, the Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Ram Nath Thakur participated in a programme organised by the ICAR-National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering and Technology (ICAR-NINFET) at Subhasnagar, in Swarupnagar Block of North 24 Parganas district, West Bengal. The programme underscored the Government of India's commitment to protecting agricultural land, restoring soil health and promoting natural farming as a sustainable approach to agriculture. It highlighted the importance of conserving soil resources, reducing excessive dependence on chemical inputs and encouraging environmenta-friendly farming practices for the benefit of the present and future generations.

While addressing the gathering, the Union Minister harped on returning to natural farming and least utilisation of chemical fertiliser, so as to keep the soil health intact. He highlighted natural farming as an important approach to maintaining soil fertility, improving soil health and promoting ecological balance. He also encouraged farmers to adopt climate-resilient agricultural methods, scientific innovations and modern technologies to ensure long-term agricultural productivity and sustainability.

The Minister also stressed on the importance of conserving soil as a living resource and adopting balanced, need-based agricultural input management. He urged farmers to make effective utilisation of Soil Health Cards for informed fertiliser application, improved nutrient-use efficiency and the maintenance of soil fertility. In this regard, he highlighted the role of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in providing technical guidance, practical demonstrations and extension services to facilitate the adoption of sustainable and natural farming practices.

The Union Minister urged the farmers to return to extend processes of farming, including utilisation of organic fertilisers an organic pesticides, to boost natural farming as well as aiding in reaps which are healthy for living.

The event was organised by ICAR-NINFET. The programme reinforced the central message of Khet Bachao Abhiyan for Ravi crops, going on from October 22, to November 30, 2026 in the entire country- healthy soil is the

foundation of healthy crops, sustainable agriculture and farmers' prosperity. Promoting natural farming, conserving soil fertility and adopting environmentally sustainable agricultural practices are essential to safeguarding agricultural resources and ensuring long-term food and livelihood security.