ICAR-KVK Goa Organizes ‘Khet Bachao Abhiyan-cum-Field Day’ on Nutri-Hormonal Therapy for Managing Repeat Breeding in Dairy Cows

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ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), ICAR-Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute (ICAR-CCARI), Goa, organized a Khet Bachao Abhiyan-cum-Field Day on Nutri-Hormonal Therapy for the Management of Repeat Breeding in Dairy Cows at Ibrampur village, Pernem. The programme was organized in collaboration with Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) North Goa, the Directorate of Agriculture, Government of Goa, Goa State Cooperative Bank, Shri Sateri Cooperative Dairy Society and Shri Rashtroli Self-Help Group, Ibrampur.

Shri Rudresh Kambali, Zonal Agricultural Officer, Pernem, highlighted the importance of protecting soil health, avoiding excessive and imbalanced use of fertilisers, following soil-test-based recommendations and increasing the use of organic manures while explaining the objectives and significance of the Khet Bachao Abhiyan. He also briefed farmers on various schemes and subsidies offered by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Goa.

Dr. Sanjaykumar Udharwar, Subject Matter Specialist (Animal Science), ICAR-KVK North Goa, highlighted scientific approaches to preventing and managing repeat breeding in crossbred cows through improved reproductive and nutritional management. He explained the ICAR-CCARI-recommended nutri-hormonal therapy, which has recorded conception rates of approximately 66% across several dairy farms in Ibrampur. Linking livestock management with the Khet Bachao Abhiyan, he emphasized the complementary roles of crop production and dairy farming. He also highlighted the use of cattle dung, urine, vermicompost and farmyard waste to improve soil health, recycle farm resources and reduce dependence on chemical fertilizers. He encouraged farmers to adopt integrated crop-livestock farming systems for efficient resource utilization, sustainable production and enhanced income.

Mr. Prashant Takkar, Branch Manager, Goa State Cooperative Bank, Nagzar, Pernem, encouraged farmers to utilize institutional credit facilities to strengthen their farming enterprises. Mr. Sudhir Dhauskar a farmer from Ibrampur shared his success story in dairy

farming and vermicomposting. He highlighted the benefits of converting organic farm waste into nutrient-rich manure. His experiences encouraged farmers to adopt vermicomposting to improve soil fertility, minimize farm waste and generate additional income.

As part of the programme, hand-operated pump sprayers and vermicompost were distributed to farmers by the Department of Agriculture, Government of Goa. A total of 47 participants, including 40 farmers (21 men and 19 women) and seven officials, attended the programme.

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