

Need For Reforms in Fertiliser Policy - Way Forward



The Fertiliser Association of India-Southern Region (FAI-SR), Chennai, organized a **Management Development Program on Need for Reforms in Fertiliser Policy – Way Forward** at the ICAR - Regional Centre of National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (NBSS&LUP), Bangalore during 15 -17 October 2025. The program was virtually inaugurated by Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhari, Director General, The Fertiliser Association of India. Fifty-one participants nominated by FAI member companies participated in the program.

Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhari, in his address, emphasized on fertiliser policies of the Government in vogue to make fertilisers available to farmers at affordable MRPs by bearing the difference in cost of production/import through subsidy; imbalance in use of NPK nutrients due to depressed MRP of urea compared to P&K fertilisers; need for reforms in fertiliser policy; contribution of HYV seeds, reforms in agricultural research and efficient fertiliser formulations and their use in increasing production of food grain and horticultural crops over the years in the country; growing requirement of food, fiber, fuel and feed to meet the demand of burgeoning population by 2050; importance of introduction of more responsive crop varieties to face the challenges of climate change and better fertiliser formulations to enhance nutrient use efficiency; over dependence in import of raw materials/intermediates/feedstock to manufacture fertilisers; complimenting the Government of India to reduce GST on ammonia, nitric acid and sulphuric acid and also on micronutrients to 5%; geopolitical situations hindering import of fertilisers and raw materials; challenges in agriculture and fertiliser sectors, etc.

Er. E. Balu, Whole Time Director, SPIC Limited, Tuticorin and Director on the Board of FAI; Mr. T.M. Muralidharan, Chief Financial Officer and President – Finance, Mangalore Chemicals Fertilizers Limited, Bangalore; Dr. V. Ramamurthy, Head, NBSS&LUP, Bangalore, Mr. D. Ramakrishnan, Secretary, FAI, New Delhi and Dr. Soumitra Das, Director, International Zinc Association, Zinc Nutrient Initiative (Asia Pacific), New Delhi graced the inaugural session and provided valuable information. Mr. Y.V.N. Murthy welcomed the dignitaries and the delegates.

In the concluding session, Dr. V. Ramamurthy distributed certificates to the participants.