

Annual Meeting of FAI-Southern Region



Annual meeting of the FAI-Southern Regional Committee was held at The Fertilisers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT), Udyogamandal, Eloor, Cochin on 20 April 2026. At the outset, the members elected Mr. S. Sakthimani, Chairman & Managing Director, FACT Ltd., as the Chairman of the FAI-Southern Regional Committee.

Congratulating Mr. Sakthimani, Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhari, DG, FAI, stated that Southern region is more vibrant compared to other regions. In view of proactiveness of the farmers, the N:P₂O₅:K₂O use ratio is near to an ideal ratio of 4:2:1. He advocated for scope of natural farming, wherever possible, and emphasized on adoption of INM by the farmers for sustainable agriculture. Use of alternative fertilisers such as water soluble-, nano-, organic- and bio- fertilisers and new formulations needs to be given more impetus. Dr. Chaudhari also stressed the need for reforms in fertiliser policy.

While thanking FAI-SR Committee for electing him as Chairman, Mr. S. Sakthimani underlined for achieving self-reliance in fertiliser production and the alternatives available like green ammonia, etc.

Mr. S. Shiva Kumar, CMD-RCF shared his views on current fertiliser policy and the implications of geo-political situation on fertiliser sector. Mr. Anupam Mishra, Director (Marketing) and Mr. K. Jayachandran, Director (Technical), FACT Ltd., Dr. C.M. Mathavan, Deputy Director, RFCL, Chennai and Dr. Sreelatha, Principal Scientist and Head, ARS, Vytilla, KAU gave their valuable inputs. Mr. YVN Murthi, Regional Head-FAI-SR, thanked all the members for their benign presence in the meeting.
