

Fertiliser Orientation Program



The Fertiliser Association of India, Northern Region, New Delhi, in collaboration with Faculty of Agricultural Sciences (FASC), SGT University, Gurugram, organized a **Fertiliser Orientation Program** for final and pre-final year students on 17 August 2026. It was inaugurated by Prof. B.J. Rao, Pro-Chancellor of the University. Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhari, Director General, FAI, New Delhi, gave the Keynote address. One hundred thirty-eight students attended the program.

Dr. B.J. Rao, in his address, covered the areas related to updation of knowledge through such programs; vital role of fertilisers in improving farm productivity; relation of plant physiology for absorption, transportation and metabolization of nutrients by plants; ensuring fertiliser security vital to food security, etc.

In his address, Dr. Suresh Kumar Chaudhari, underlined that increased consumption of fertilisers, enhanced the production of crops in the country over the years, and the same is the testimony of the fact of direct correlation between the two. Fertiliser is a regulated sector and Government of India reimburses subsidy to the manufacturers/importers of fertilisers so that farmers get fertilisers at reasonable MRPs. The country is import-dependent to a great extent either in the form of raw materials/intermediates/feedstock used for production of fertilisers or finished fertiliser products. Even during geopolitical disruptions, working in tandem with the

Government, fertiliser industry ensured availability of fertilisers for use by the farmers. There is a limited scope for increase in net cultivated area, which is about 140 million ha, at present. Further increase in agricultural production can only be possible through increase in average yields to crops. In view of low organic carbon in the soil and use efficiency of traditional fertilisers; it is high time to give more inputs to consumption of alternate fertilisers such as organic-, bio-, fortified-, customized, nano-fertilisers, etc. Fertiliser industry is concerned about the decline in soil health and has started promoting new-age fertilisers. He also dwelt upon the enormous job opportunities existing in agriculture sector for agricultural students. The way out is tap such opportunities. This is coincidence that this program is being organized at the esteemed University, when दीक्षारम्भ is in place today. He wished for the bright career of the students.

Dr. Pooja Pant, Dean, FASC and Dr. R.K. Yadav, Professor (NRM), FASC, SGT University also provided valuable information. Seven presentations were made by the eminent resource persons of the fertiliser sector and CFQC&TI, Faridabad. Three students, who answered the questions raised during the competition were rewarded with FAI publications. The program was sponsored by KRIBHCO, Noida.
