

Vikasit KrishiSankalpAbhiyan- Pre Kharifseason Campaign in NTR District

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Introduction

The Viksit KrishiSankalp Abhiyan (VKSA) is a nationwide pre-Kharif agricultural campaign launched on May 29, 2025, and running until June 12, 2025. It aims to connect farmers with scientists and policymakers, promote sustainable farming practices, and improve agricultural productivity. The campaign focuses on providing farmers with information on advanced technologies, soil health management, and government schemes.

Launch and Duration:

The VKSA was officially launched on May 29, 2025, and will continue until June 12, 2025.

Key Objectives:

The campaign aims to:

1. Educate farmers about modern agricultural technologies.
2. Facilitate direct communication between scientists, policymakers, and farmers.
3. Promote sustainable farming practices.
4. Increase awareness about government schemes related to agriculture.
5. Guide farmers on utilizing Soil Health Cards for balanced fertilizer application.
6. Providing information about modern techniques for Kharif crops
7. Providing information on government schemes and policies
8. Information on crop and fertilizer selection according to soil health card
9. Prepare innovation document by getting feedback from farmers

Focus Areas:

1. The VKSA covers various aspects of agriculture, including:
2. Season- and crop-specific management practices.
3. Soil fertility techniques, including the use of liquid bio fertilizers and organic manures.
4. Importance of soil testing and balanced fertilizer application.
5. Awareness about the harmful effects of excessive pesticide use and crop residue mismanagement.
6. Promoting allied agricultural activities like backyard poultry farming and livestock management.

Implementation:

The campaign is being implemented across all 700 districts of India by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

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Vikasit Pre Kharif season was organized from 29th June to 12th July in N.T.R district of Andhra Pradesh. Dr.K.AchutaRaju, programme coordinator is nodal officer for the VKSA programme. A total of six teams in 15 days covered 45 villages in 22 mandals of N.T.R district. Three Scientists from National Institute of Commercial (NICRA), 6 Scientists from Dr.K.L.RaoKrishiVigyan Kendra, Garikapadu, 6 Scientists from ANGRAU, Lam, Guntur, 3 Scientists Dr.N.T.R Veterinary College, Gannavaram participated in the campaign.

1. Total number of farmers covered:- : 16405
2. Number of scientists participated:- : 19
3. No of villages covered : 45
4. No. of SAU Scientists involved : 9

Problems identified during V.K.S.A Programme:-

1. Lack of remunerative prices for agricultural produces
2. Lack of awareness on Soil test based fertilizer applications
3. Monkeys problem
4. Black thrips in Chilli, Hoppers and Thrips in in Mango, BPH in Paddy and Sucking pests and Pink Boll worm in Cotton
5. Difficulties in Marketing the produce
6. Middle men interference while marketing of the produce
7. Lack awareness on Bio fertilizers and bio control agents
8. Indiscriminate use of Insecticides and pesticides

Topics addressed during VKSA Pre Kharif season Campaign:-

1. Importance of soil sampling and Soil test based application of fertilizers and soil health management,
2. Explained about Chilli: Wilt, Black flower thrips, Paddy: BPH, Stem borer, gall midge,, Stemrot, Cotton: Sucking pest, Pink Bollworm,, Wilt.Bollrot, Maize: Fall Armyworm and their control measures
3. VKSA pre kharif campaign 2025 and e
4. Awareness on Different ongoing government schemes of India and A.P.
5. Importance of summer ploughing, green manuring, organic farming
6. Elaborated suitable high yielding varieties of agriculture for crops and improved technologies for the upcoming kharif season.

7. Illustrated importance of organic manures, green manuring, Summer ploughing and biofertilizers.
8. Demonstartion of drone technology
9. ICM practices in Various crops i.eChilli, Cotton, Paddy, Maize, and Mango
10. Importance of
11. Importance of millets, balanced diet for adolescent girls and rural womens
12. Different livestock breeds, importance of backyard poultry in income generation
13. Difeerent pests and diseases of livestock and their management

Suggestions given during VKSA Programme:-

1. Subsidy on fertilizers, supply of green manure crops and MSP for crops
2. Enhancement of MSP for crops
3. Allign MGNREGA works to agriculture related works
4. Timely supply of inputs such as seeds, zinc sulphate, gypsum on subsidy basis
5. black thrips resistant varities for chilli.
6. Chilli thrips resistant varities, and Management of Monkeys.
7. Need based trainings for the farmers
8. Providing local subsidies for agricultural inputs
9. Establishment of primary processing industries based on local situation

