

Use scientific approach for using fertiliser, farmers urged

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Panaji: Soil health and human health are strongly interlinked with one another and is also one of the important aspects of Ayush, said Union minister for Ayush, Shripad Naik.

He was speaking at a webinar organised by the Old Goa-based ICAR-CCARI on 'Balanced use of Fertilisers and Vermicomposting' with the aim to raise the awareness among the farmers about the balanced use of the fertilisers and how to do vermicomposting.

He also referred to the Vedas for the scientific agricultural practices for the sustainable agricultural development.

Naik stressed upon the soil fertility related constraints of Goa and the need to correct it through scientific approaches. He urged the farmers to do soil testing and ensure a balanced use of fertilisers through soil test-based fertiliser application.

The 'Fertilizer Calculator Goa' is a mobile application for farmers of the state and adjoining coastal region to assist in decision making of smarter and balanced use of fertilisers.

The webinar was held in commemoration of India's 75 years of Independence as Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav.

Dr Parveen Kumar, director, ICAR - CCARI, Goa spoke of the importance of balanced use of the chemical fertilisers to improve the agricultural production, productivity and farmers' income. He highlighted upon the need to use the fertiliser sources of nutrients owing to the poor fertility of soils resulting in poor crop productivity.