

CICFR, Bhimtal organised various programs during Khet Bachao Abhiyan (01-30 June 2026)

Recognizing the urgent need to protect soil fertility and promote scientific farming practices, the Government of India and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) launched the nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan, a month-long campaign aimed at strengthening soil health and ensuring long-term agricultural sustainability. ICAR-Central Institute of Coldwater Fisheries Research, Bhimtal organized various awareness programmes for farmers, fish farmers, input dealers etc during 01 to 30 June 2026. Team of Scientists from institute visited different villages of Nainital, U.S Nagar, Champawat, Chamoli and Almora districts of Uttarakhand encouraging farmers to adopt eco-friendly and soil-friendly agricultural practices. Farmers were also sensitized on composting, vermicomposting, crop rotation, intercropping and government initiatives supporting natural farming. As a part of institute mandate, farmers were also made aware of various initiatives of government support and research initiatives of institute in the field of coldwater fisheries. During the period, some demonstration on testing water quality parameters were also carried out in fish farmer's field. The campaign highlighted the importance of collective action involving farmers, scientists, local institutions and government agencies in protecting one of agriculture's most valuable resources – soil.



