

# [***‘Focus on soil health to tackle climate change’***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6B2R-49G1-DXJR-H085-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Panaji: Chorao island stands as a vulnerable spot susceptible to the impacts of climate change. This was a focal point of a programme recently conducted on the island to emphasise the need for resilience, and highlighted through scientific ***soil health*** assessment and management initiatives.Collaborative efforts between ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), North Goa, and ICAR – Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute (CCARI), Goa, engaged 112 villagers, including farmers, students and panchayat members to raise awareness about management of ***soil health***, focusing on the unique coastal ecosystem of the island.“The island is vulnerable to the effects of climate change, making it an ideal location to showcase the importance of building resilience through scientific ***soil health*** assessment and management,” experts from ICAR-CCARI stated.The technical session at the event covered key topics such as the significance of ***soil health***, testing methodologies, and their role in agricultural sustainability.Madel-Chodan (Chorao) sarpanch Ravindra Kinalkar said that the ***soil*** sampling initiatives and issuing of ***soil-health*** cards to farmers is needed, and pledged support for future efforts on technology transfer and effective ***soil health*** management. Director in-charge at ICAR-CCARI, Dr Anurag Raizada, urged participants to participate in the campaign.

ICAR-KVK scientists, Gopal Ramdas Mahajan and N Bommayasamy explained how the campaign will be expanded to undertake transfer of technology programs to improve ***soil health*** and productivity around the island.The involvement of students from Raghuvir and Premavati Higher Secondary School, Chorao, was lauded by their principal for sensitizing them to the significance of ***soil***. Additionally, discussions between ICAR-CCARI, KVK officials, Panchayat representatives, and progressive farmers outlined an implementation plan for future activities, focusing on strengthening ***soil health*** management on Chorao Island. For Reprint Rights: timescontent.com

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