

Training Programme on “Pest Management” to the team members of M/s. BASF India Ltd., Mumbai

One training programme on “Pest Management” was organized by Department of Entomology, BACA, AAU, Anand during March 22-23, 2017 for BASF group. Total 12 technical employees of BASF participated in this training. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. K. B. Kathiria, Director of Research and Dean, PG Studies, AAU, Anand. In his speech, he emphasized on use of improved varieties and role of wild species of plants in breeding programme in imparting resistance to plants against various physiological and biological stresses. Dr. P. K. Borad, Professor and Head; Dr. T. M. Bharpoda, Professor; Dr. C. C. Patel, Research Scientist and Dr. R. K. Thumar, Assistant Professor delivered lectures on Concept & Principles of Pest Management; Identification and Nature of damage of sucking insect pests and Pink bollworm including Emerging pests in *Bt* cotton; Novel Insecticides, Mode of actions and IPM of sucking pests and Pink bollworm in *Bt* cotton, respectively. The first day ended with visit to Bio-control Research Laboratory leading by Ku. Minaxi Lunagariya and guided by Dr. D. M. Mehta, Principal Research Scientist and Dr. Raghunandan, B.L., Assistant Research Scientist.

On second day, trainers visited Main Vegetable Research Station and Prof. N. B. Patel, Assistant Research Scientist gave the practical exposure to various vegetable crops pests and their management. The team also visited Residue Laboratory and Dr. P. G. Shah, Residue Analyst gave the exposure of his laboratory and techniques. Dr. D. M. Korat, Associate Director of Research gave an over view on biopesticides followed by lecture of Prof. Meeral Suthar, Assistant Professor and Dr. C. B. Dhobi, Assistant Research Scientist on Identification, Nature of damage and Management of Sucking pests in Cumin and Identification, Symptoms and Survey & Surveillance of sucking pests in *Bt* cotton. A group discussion with the technical staff of BASF and scientists of Department of Entomology was also made. The training was adjourned with vote of thanks given by Dr. T. M. Bharpoda.



