

Brief report on
‘Farmers meet and input distribution programme under TSP project’
AICRP-Biological Control of Crop Pests, AAU, Anand

Farmers meet programmes were organized by AICRP on Biological Control of Crop Pests, Anand Agricultural University, Anand under ICAR-Tribal Sub Plan (TSP) project to distribute bio-inputs and to train the farmers on use of bio-inputs. The programmes were conducted on 09.03.2021 and 16.03.2021.

On 09.03.2021 the programme was conducted at Motiraval village, Garudeshwar taluka, Narmada Dist. Twenty-five tribal farmers from different villages of Garudeshwar and Rajpipla taluka participated in the programme and input kits were distributed to them. Input kit was comprised of protective kit for spraying operation (apron, gloves, mask and spectacles), manually operated Knapsack sprayer and in-house produced bio-pesticide *Metarhizium anisopliae* (ICAR-NBAIR strains). Dr. N. B. Patel, Principal Research Scientist, briefed on importance of non-chemical management of insect pest and diseases in current scenario of organic agriculture and advised to use protective wear while spraying in the fields. Dr. Raghunandan, B. L. Asstt. Research Scientist, elaborated on in-house produced different microbial bio-pesticides and their usage. Mr. Kamlesh Patel, Prayas Agro, Rajpipla advised the farmers to use the bio-inputs provided in an effective way.

On 16.03.2021 the programme was conducted at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, NAU, Dediapada, Narmada Dist. Fifty-five tribal farmers from different villages of Dediapada taluka participated in the programme and input kits were distributed to them. Input kit was comprised of protective kit for spraying operation (apron, gloves, mask and spectacles), pheromone trap, lure, yellow sticky trap, Azadirachtin 1500 ppm, seeds of cowpea and Indianbean and in-house produced bio-pesticide *Trichoderma harzianum*, *Pseudomonas fluorescens* and *Bacillus thuringiensis* (ICAR-NBAIR strains). Dr. P. D. Verma, Senior scientist and Head, KVK, Dediapada briefed the farmers about the necessity of non-chemical management of insect pest and diseases in agro-ecosystem. Dr. N. B. Patel, Principal Research Scientist, educated the farmers on use of different components of kit provided and advised the farmers to use protective wear while spraying in the fields. Dr. Hitesh Jadav, SMS (Plant Protection), KVK, Dediapada advised to use the inputs provided in a proper way. Dr. Raghunandan, B. L. Asstt. Research Scientist, updated the farmers on the usage of different microbial biopesticides.

Covid-19 guidelines issued by GoI/GoG were followed during the programme.



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