

Farmers-Scientists interaction meeting on “Large scale demonstration on bioagent based IPM module for white grub in groundnut” at Mahuva, Bhavnagar District, Gujarat.

On 23rd October 2018, a ‘Farmers-scientists interaction meeting on large scale demonstration on bioagent based IPM module for white grub in groundnut was held at Mahuva, Bhavnagar District, Gujarat in association with Pidilite Industries Limited, Mumbai, Triveni Kalyan Foundation (TKF), Gram Nirman Samaj (GNS) and Agricultural Produce Marketing Committee (APMC), Mahuva. One hundred-seven farmers of two villages (Konjli and Gundarna) participated in the programme. During the programme, farmers/scientists interaction was organized to thoroughly discuss the impact of area-wide control of white grub taken up in approximately 100 ha. The farmers feedback was highly encouraging as they expressed their full satisfaction on biocontrol technology used for the management of white grubs in groundnut. The Chairman APMC, Mahuva, Gujarat, requested us to provide biopesticides for entire taluka. He also agreed for financial support for such farmers’ oriented programme. Dr. S. K. Jalali, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru, briefed about the role of AICRP-Biological Control in spreading non-chemical method of pest control. Dr. D. M. Mehta, Dr. V. P. Ramani and Dr. B. D. Patel delivered the technical information on how to increase groundnut production. Dr. B. L. Raghunandan and Dr. G. M. Patel briefed about the IPM programme taken up by AAU, Anand. Dr. Mayank Patel, Shri. Ajithbhai Jadav and Shri. Mahendra Singh Gohel handled the entire programme. Shri Ganshyambhai Patel, Chairman, APMC Mahuva, said in his concluding remarks that we should widely follow the use of entomopathogenic fungi and nematodes for the management of white grubs in groundnut. He also claimed that he has full trust on the results obtained in the area and expressed his full satisfaction on “the white grubs management” in the area because it was the coordinated efforts by scientists, NGO, APMC and farmers.

At the end of programme, AAU Anand, TKF and GNS, Mahuva, jointly appreciated the service of Dr. S. K. Jalali, Principal Scientist, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru, who superannuated on 31st October 2018 and gave him a warm farewell.



Field visit and interaction with the farmers



Welcome address by Dr. D.M. Mehta



Release of technical bulletin on IPM module for whitegrub in groundnut crop



Farmers gathering during the programme



Felicitation to Dr. S.K. Jalali, Principal Research Scientist, ICAR-NBAIR, Bengaluru