

Nematode Awareness Day for Tribal Farmers

Under TSP at Tribal Research cum Training Centre, Devgarh baria, Dist. Dahod

The training programme on **Nematode Awareness Day** for tribal farmers was organized on 3rd January, 2023 at Tribal Research cum Training Centre, Anand Agricultural University, Devgarh baria, Dist. Dahod to create awareness among the tribal farmers about nemic problems in different fields and horticultural crops in which forty tribal farmers actively participated.

The programme started with welcome address by Dr. Y. B. Chauhan, Training Associate and Head, TRTC, AAU, Devgarh baria. He narrated about the different activities carried out at TRTC for the benefit of the tribal farmers. Dr. R. K. Thumar, Professor & Head (Nematology) delivered preliminary information about economically important nematodes. Dr. Tulika Singh, Assistant Nematologist emphasized on different types of plant parasitic nematodes and their spread in agricultural crops and elucidated different management approaches for nematode control under field and nursery condition. Mrs. Anjana Prajapati, Asst. Nematologist delivered a talk in nematode identification, their symptoms and diseases caused by nematodes and also demonstrated various methods of application of nematicides and shown live nematode under microscope to the trainees. Dr. Y. B Chauhan, delivered lecture on local area specific pest-disease problems and their management tactics.

A short video film on various aspects of nematode was shown to the farmers. The programme remained effective in providing a roadmap for managing nematode infested field especially in the tribal belt of Dahod district. It will be useful to the tribal farmers for solving their day to day problems related to nematodes and other pests.

The trainees were provided one bottle of liquid biofertilizer Bio NPK (500 ml) which will be helpful for the farming community in suppressing the nematode population and accelerating growth rate of plants. We thankfully acknowledged the TRTC staff members for unstinted support and extending their whole hearted co-operation in smooth functioning of the programme. Lastly, vote of thanks was performed by Mrs. Anjana Prajapati. The entire programme was co-ordinated by team of Nematology department, BACA, AAU, Anand.



Glimpse of Nematode Awareness Day