

## **Nematode Awareness Day for Tribal Farmers**

The training programme on **Nematode Awareness Day for Tribal Farmers** was organized under Tribal Sub Plan on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2024 at Tribal Research cum Training Centre, Anand Agricultural University, Devgadbaria, Dist. Dahod to create awareness among the tribal farmers about nematode problems in different agricultural crops wherein total fifty tribal farmers participated.

The programme started with welcome address by Dr. Y. B. Chauhan, (I/c) Training Organizer, TRTC, AAU, Devgadbaria. He recited about the different TRTC activities for the benefit of the tribal farmers. Dr. R. K. Thumar, Professor & Head (Nematology) briefed 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 nematode management approaches under field and nursery conditions. Mrs. Anjana Prajapati, Asst. Nematologist delivered a talk on nematode identification, their symptoms and diseases caused by nematodes. She also demonstrated various methods of application of nematicides and symptoms caused by nematodes to the trainees in association with B. P. Gevariya, Agril. Assistant. Dr. Y. B Chauhan, delivered a lecture on specific pest disease problems prevailing in Devgadbaria and their management tactics. A short video film on various aspects of nematode was shown to the farmers. The programme remained effective and play a pivotal role in addressing current nematode crisis and for that the farmers need to keep themselves updated and could adopt effective and economical management methods especially in the tribal belt of Dahod district.

The trainees were provided one spade which will be helpful to reduce drudgery in various farm operations. We thankfully acknowledged Dr. Y. B. Chauhan, Harsh Desai, Research Associate and the other TRTC staff members for bountiful 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; Nematology department, BACA, AAU, Anand.



## Glimpse of Nematode Awareness Day