

ICAR-NRCG and BASF train Farm labours on safe usage of crop protection products on 13th June, 2022

ICAR- NRCG in collaboration with BASF conducted 'Suraksha Hamesha' training program for ICAR-NRCG scientists, farm labours and spray men in Pune with the aim to create awareness on responsible use of crop protection products and safer farming practices. Dr N.A. Deshmukh , Scientist & Dr. Sujoy Saha Principal Scientist from ICAR-NRCG explained the importance of safe farming practices. A detailed presentation on the responsible usage of crop protection product was delivered by Dr Omkar Gavkare, Crop Development, Specialist- BASF. Key aspects like precautions during of purchasing of pesticides, proper storage, usage, safe handling & disposal of the agro-chemicals and containers along with safety measures to be taken during spraying, pesticide poisoning symptoms and first aid were highlighted during this presentation. A live demonstration of correct methods of utilizing spray equipment's and wearing Personal Protection Equipment's (PPE) was also conducted for easy understanding.

Dr R. G. Somkuwar, Director ICAR- NRCG stressed on the need of awareness as well as importance of safety handling of Agro chemicals. He also praised efforts undertaken by BASF in conducting these dedicated 'Suraksha Hamesha' farmer training programs. On this occasion, PPE kits were also handed over to the farmers by Director Dr R. G. Somkuwar and Dr Sujoy Saha. Vote of thanks was expressed by Devendra Vyawahare, Training manager BASF. The programme was attended by hundred participants (ICAR-NRCG Scientific staff, supporting staff and labours).

