

Nematode Awareness Day for Tribal Farmers

The training programme on **Nematode Awareness Day for Tribal Farmers** was organized under Tribal Sub Plan on 30th January, 2026 at Tribal Research cum Training Centre, Anand Agricultural University, Devgadhbharia, Dist. Dahod to create awareness among the tribal farmers about nemic problems in different agricultural crops wherein total fifty tribal farmers participated.

The programme started with welcome address by Dr. S. S. Thorat, Training Organizer, TRTC, AAU, Devgadhbharia. He recited about the different TRTC activities for the benefit of the tribal farmers. Dr. R. K. Thumar, Professor & Head, Department Nematology, BACA communicated preliminary information about economically important nematodes. Dr. Mayuri Y. Patel, Assistant Professor, 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. She acquainted the tribal farmers with specific diagnostic symptoms of root-knot nematodes in brinjal plant and showed the striking contrast between infected and healthy plant of brinjal. Shri B. P. Gevariya, Agril. Assistant, demonstrated various methods of application of nematicides to the trainees. The current nematode crises along with the management methods were effectively addressed which would play a pivotal role for effective management of nematodes on part of farmers especially in the tribal belt of Dahod district.

A short video film on various aspects of nematode was shown to the farmers. It will be useful to the tribal farmers for solving their day-to-day problems related to nematodes and other pests.

All the trainees were provided literature related to nematodes in vernacular language. The unstinted support and co-operation rendered by Dr. S. S. Thorat and TRTC staff members were duly acknowledged. The programme was anchored by Mrs. Bhavika Rabari, Research Associate, TRTC, Devgadhbharia and the entire programme was co-ordinated by team of Nematology department, BACA, AAU, Anand.



Glimpse of Nematode Awareness Day