

PRESS NOTE

ICAR-CCRI conducts Trainers' Training Programme for State Department Officers of Meghalaya

A three day “Trainers’ Training Program on Good Agriculture Practices for Khasi Mandarin” was organized by ICAR-Central Citrus Research Institute (CCRI), Nagpur during 29-31st October, 2024, in the institute, for Horticulture Development Officers of Meghalaya. A total of 13 officers of which 3 were female officers, participated in the program. Dr. Dilip Ghosh, Director, ICAR-CCRI, Nagpur urged the trainees to reap maximum benefit of the 3 day learning period and highlighted the current needs and challenges of citrus industry of the North Eastern Himalayan region and how as horticulture officers, the trainees can play the role of torchbearers. Dr. N.G Patil, Director ICAR-NBSS&LUP and chief guest of the inaugural programme emphasized upon the importance of soil testing for identifying suitability of new orchard establishment of Khasi mandarin and proper nutrient management for healthy orchards. In the technical sessions, scientists from ICAR-CCRI guided farmers on various important aspects of citrus cultivation. Dr. Darshan Kadam guided trainees on Khasi mandarin nursery and orchard establishment and complete package of practices, Dr. S.S Roy enlightened trainees on the Rejuvenation Practices of Khasi Mandarin, Dr. N.M. Meshram guided them about the control measures of various insect pests and Dr. A.K Das dealt with the aspect of Disease management. Dr. Sangeeta Bhattacharyya conducted field visit and demonstrations for the trainees in aspects of microbudding, pruning, drip irrigation system, nursery technologies etc with other staff of the institute. Extension Folder titled “Calendar of Operations for Khasi Mandarin Orchards” was released and distributed to trainees. The program included insect pest identification, Bordeaux mixture preparation and demonstration of pesticide spraying through drone and an off-campus exposure visit of the trainees to orchard of progressive citrus grower of Hatla, Nagpur district. Dr. Sangeeta Bhattacharyya, Dr. Darshan Kadam and Dr. Naresh Meshram were coordinators of the training program.

Director



Glimpses of the training program