## ICAR-CCRI organised the 3-days training on production technology of sweet orange for Telangana farmers

A three-day training programme on "Production Technology of Sweet Orange" was organized by ICAR-Central Citrus Research Institute (ICAR-CCRI), Nagpur, from February 27 to March 1, 2025, for sweet orange growers from Nalgonda district, Telangana. A total of 22 farmers and 3 horticultural officers participated in the programme. The training was sponsored by Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) through Government of Telangana. During the technical sessions, scientists of the institute provided guidance on orchard establishment and management, raised bed plantation, nutrient diagnostics, integrated nutrient management, water management, insect pest management, disease control, and nematode management in sweet orange. The participants also visited the nursery and experimental blocks of sweet orange cultivation. The programme also included practical demonstrations on insect pest identification, Bordeaux mixture preparation and pesticide spraying through drone and an off-campus exposure visit of the trainees to orchards of progressive citrus growers of Katol Taluk, Nagpur district. During the valedictory session, Dr. Dilip Ghosh, Director, ICAR-CCRI, Nagpur urged the trainees to focus on acquiring and planting healthy planting material, adopt scientific methods to maximize yields, and encourage other sweet orange farmers to implement good agricultural practices. The Chief Guest of the program, Dr. V. J. Shivankar, Ex Director, ICAR-CCRI encouraged farmers to implement cultivation practices infromed during the training for better productivity of sweet orange. The training programme was coordinated by Dr. Naresh M. Meshram, Sr. Scientist (Entomology), Dr. J. P. Tej Kumar, Scientist (Biotechnology), and Dr. Kiran Kumar K, Scientist (Nematology) from ICAR-CCRI, Nagpur.





Glimpses of the training programme