

## **PRESS NOTE**

### **ICAR-CCRI, Nagpur conducts “Capacity Development Programme on Adoption of Good Agriculture Practices (GAP)” for Citrus Farmers of Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh” under the APEDA sponsored project on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024**

A one day training program was organized by ICAR-Central Citrus Research Institute (CCRI), Nagpur on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 in the institute for citrus growers of Chhindwara and Pandhurna districts of Madhya Pradesh. A total of 50 farmers participated in the program amongst which 15 were women farmers. The training program was organised under the APEDA sponsored project "Capacity Development Programme on Adoption of Good Agriculture Practices (GAP) for Citrus Farmers". Dr. S. R. K. Singh, Director of ICAR-ATARI, Jabalpur was present in the program as Chief Guest. Dr. Dilip Ghosh, Director, ICAR-CCRI, presented the brief overview of citrus industry in India to trainee farmers and highlighted the two promising varieties of citrus 'Daisy' and 'Pearl Tangelo' which have the potential to significantly boost the prospects of citrus cultivation in Central India. He encouraged the farmers to adopt scientific package of practices for citrus cultivation and procure planting materials only from certified nurseries. Dr. Dhruv Shrivastava, Head, KVK, Chhindwara emphasized on need for boosting citrus export. Dr. S. R. K. Singh highlighted the importance of selection of land, rootstock and planting materials for citrus cultivation. The dignitaries then distributed planting materials of Daisy and Pearl Tangelo to 10 progressive citrus growers from 4 districts: Nagpur, Amravati and Wardha of Maharashtra and Chhindwara of Madhya Pradesh for purpose of evaluation of the performance of these varieties in farmers' fields. In addition to Nagpur mandarin, these two varieties can be adopted for diversification of citrus cultivation ensuring a wider harvest window. In the technical sessions, scientists from ICAR-CCRI guided farmers on various important aspects of citrus cultivation. Dr. Darshan Kadam guided farmers on Citrus Orchard Establishment and Management, Dr. A.K. Das dealt in details with the aspect of Disease management of Citrus, Dr. N.M. Meshram guided farmers about the control measures of various insect pests which attack citrus crop, Dr. Sangeeta Bhattacharyya made farmers aware about Citrus Decline and the related Rejuvenation Technologies. A training manual on GAP of citrus was distributed to farmers. The program ended with field visit to ICAR-CCRI nurseries and experimental plots. Mrs. Riya Thakur and Dr. R.K Jhade from Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Chhindwara coordinated the tour of the farmers. Dr. Sangeeta Bhattacharyya was training coordinators from ICAR-CCRI, Nagpur.

**Director**



**Glimpses of the training program**