

Central Citrus Research Institute , Nagpur conducts training programmes for citrus cultivating farmers of Madhya Pradesh

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The training programme for citrus cultivating farmers of Madhya Pradesh were jointly organized by ICAR–Central Citrus Research Institute (CCRI), Nagpur and Krishi Vigyan Kendras of Agar Malwa and Shajapur districts recently. The training was organised under the APEDA-sponsored project “Capacity Development Programme on Adoption of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for Citrus Farmers.” About 300 citrus growers participated in these programmes.

Dr. Dilip Ghosh, Director, ICAR-CCRI, Nagpur, was the Course Director and Dr. Sangeeta Bhattacharyya, Scientist (Agricultural Extension), was the Training Coordinator. Dr. A.K. Dixit and Dr. G. Ambawatia, Senior Scientist and Head of KVK, Agar Malwa and KVK, Shajapur, welcomed the scientist team from Nagpur on 2nd and 3rd February 2026 and appreciated the efforts of ICAR-CCRI towards research and extension activities in the citrus sector of the country.

Dr. Sangeeta Bhattacharyya, also being the Nodal Officer of the project, briefed participants about the past programmes conducted under the project and the number of targeted beneficiaries covered. During the technical sessions, Dr. Darshan Kadam (Senior Scientist, Horticulture) sensitized farmers about the scientific management of citrus orchards and nurseries. He emphasized key points that farmers need to focus on while purchasing planting materials. The problems in bahar management due to heavy soil present in both districts were discussed in detail.

Dr. N. M. Meshram (Principal Scientist, Entomology) delivered a lecture on insect pest management in citrus orchards, focusing especially on black fly management, which was a major problem in the citrus orchards of the region. An interactive session followed thereafter. The method of Bordeaux paste and spray preparation was demonstrated through a video. Ms. Preeti Yadav, District Collector, and Mr. Vijay Chaurasia, Deputy Director of Agriculture, were present during the certificate distribution ceremony for farmer trainees in Agar Malwa. Ms. Yadav appreciated the efforts of KVK and ICAR-CCRI in training citrus growers of the region.

Dr. Shaktawat and other staff from KVK, Agar Malwa, and Dr. Mukesh Singh along with other staff of KVK, Shajapur, were in charge of coordinating the programme in their respective KVKs. A field visit was also conducted by the ICAR-CCRI scientist team to the citrus orchards of the trainee farmers.



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