

PRESS RELEASE

Syngenta conducts awareness & training program for doctors on management of pesticide exposure in Yavatmal

** This is done under its flagship I-SAFE program which helps instil awareness about health & safety among farmers*

Yavatmal, September 28, 2020: To ensure health and safety of farmers especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, Syngenta India has initiated a series of awareness programs for doctors under its flagship I-SAFE (Inculcating Safety, Awareness for Farmers Empowerment) initiative, in collaboration with the district authorities. In the first awareness program, doctors of Yavatmal were given training and awareness on Principles of Recognition and Treatment of operator exposure incidents, the general principles for the recovery, stabilization and essential treatment. This is the third awareness & training program in Maharashtra, after Akola and Amravati.

Dr Shrikrishna Panchal, CEO Zilla Parishad; Mr Navnath Kolapkar, SAO Yavatmal; Dr R P Singh, Dean Medical College; Dr B G Chavhan, DHO Yavatmal; Dr Tarantushar Ware, CS Yavatmal; Mr Rajendra Ghongade, ADO Zilla Parishad were present during the training.

Dr KC Ravi, Chief Sustainability Officer, Syngenta India Limited said, "I-SAFE (Inculcating Safety Awareness for Farmer Empowerment) is a first-of-its-kind CSR initiative which has helped instil awareness about health and safety among the farmers in the state. With the support of district authorities, we were able to achieve zero fatality in Yavatmal in 2019. I thank the district officials and doctors for participating in this awareness program to mitigate and identify emerging exposure issues".

Syngenta India is committed to strengthening safe and responsible use by effective stewardship of its crop protection products. Medical stewardship is a significant component of Syngenta's stewardship programmes. "This is the second training session in Maharashtra. First was organised in Akola last month training over 50 doctors and we plan to conduct 3-4 more such trainings", added Dr Ravi.

"Under I-SAFE, we have already trained more than 917 medical practitioners of primary healthcare centres and rural healthcare centres through our medical experts. In Maharashtra, over the last two years, we have conducted Doctors' Training & Awareness Programmes in the critical districts of **Yavatmal, Osmanabad and Amravati**", added Dr Ravi.

Syngenta India's field force regularly holds stewardship training & awareness sessions for farmers during all its farmer meetings and field days. In the sessions, farmers are informed and educated about The Five Golden Rules for Safe Use of Crop Protection Products. To read and understand the product label before using; exercise caution at all times when handling a product; maintain application equipment in good working condition; practice good personal hygiene before, during and after using products and use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment every time before spraying.

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