

PRESS RELEASE

Syngenta conducts Doctor's Training Programme on Recognition and Treatment of Pesticide Exposure in Yavatmal

Yavatmal, July 18, 2019: In what is seen as a major effort towards farmers' safety in Yavatmal, Syngenta in association with Shri Vasantnao Naik Medical College, organized a **Doctor's Training Programmes on "Recognition and Treatment of Pesticide Exposure"** in Yavatmal on 18 July 2019.

Yavatmal is Vidharbha's 3rd largest district by population and has a huge population engaged in agriculture. Cotton, Soya bean, Red gram, Bengal gram & Jowar are main crops of the district.

Focusing on imparting training to doctors on Principles of Recognition and Treatment of pesticide poisoning, general principles on stabilization of a poisoned patient and dealing with basic treatment of other poisoning cases, the training session was conducted by renowned toxicologist Dr. V.V Pillay, **Chief, Poison Control Centre and Head, Toxicology, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Cochin, Kerala.**

Shri Ajay Gulhane, IAS, District Collector, Yavatmal was the Chief Guest at the Programme. Other Guests of Honour present at the event were **Mr Jalaj Sharma**, IAS, CEO, Zilla Parishad Yavatmal; **Dr Manish Shrigiriwar**, Dean, Shri Vasantnao Naik Medical College, Yavatmal; **Dr T S Ware**, District Civil Surgeon, Yavatmal; **Dr B G Chavan**, DHO, Yavatmal; **Dr Baba Yalke**, HoD, Shri Vasantnao Naik Medical College, Yavatmal along with doctors from Government Hospitals, Indian Medical Association and medical students. Around 150 Doctors and Medical students attended the training session.

"Syngenta is committed to promoting safe and responsible use of crop protection products by means of effective stewardship, said **Dr. K C Ravi Chief Sustainability Officer, Syngenta India Limited**, this training module is tailored for crops grown in Yavatmal District which will help in quickly detecting and mitigating health issues.

Under the Personal Health & Hygiene and Safety initiative, Syngenta has conducted various awareness programs across the country and have trained about 27,000 farmers. "More than 12,000 farmers were trained on health & safety in Yavatmal in collaboration with District Administration and one to one dedicated training was given to about 200 farm workers on safety measures. Over the last year Syngenta has handed over about 10,000 PPE kits to the local government for distribution to the farmers", added Dr Ravi.

Shri Ajay Gulhane, IAS, District Collector, Yavatmal, said, "Syngenta commitment to encourage safe and responsible use of pesticide by effective stewardship of crop protection products is commendable. The safe use of crop protection products helps protect the health of farmers and promotes sustainable agriculture. Such programmes should be conducted regularly across the state."

The Agriculture Department, Government of Maharashtra has allocated Yavatmal and Satara Districts to Syngenta India Ltd for conducting Farmer Health and Safety Programmes for the year 2019-20. On 1st July 2019, an inaugural event on “**Farmer Health, Hygiene and Safety Programme**” was organized by **Syngenta India** in association with **Department of Agriculture** and **Yavatmal District Administration** at Vasantrya Naik Sabhagruh, Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal on the occasion of **Maharashtra Agriculture Day 2019** as part of **I-SAFE** initiative to train **10,000 farmers and spray men** in Yavatmal.

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