

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

Khargone, June 1.2019: Syngenta is committed to encouraging safe and responsible use by effective stewardship of crop protection products. The safe use of crop protection products helps protect the health of farmers and promotes sustainable agriculture. Medical stewardship is a significant component of our stewardship programme. Through this we aim to mitigate and identify existing and emerging health issues related to our products.

Under the Personal Health & Hygiene and Safety initiative, Syngenta has conducted various awareness programs across the country and have trained about 27,000 farmers. In Madhya Pradesh, Syngenta has taken up this initiative in collaboration with the various district administration and will train around 10,000 farmers on health & safety.

On 1st June 2019, Syngenta, in association with CMHO and IMA, organized a **Doctor's Training Program on "Recognition and Treatment of Pesticide Exposure" in Khargone, Madhya Pradesh**, which aimed on providing training to doctors on Pesticide Exposure Recognition and Treatment Principles, general principles on stabilizing a poisoned patient and coping with basic treatment during instances of poisoning.

The Training session was conducted by renowned toxicologist **Dr. V.V Pillay, Chief, Poison Control Centre, Head, Toxicology, Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Cochin, Kerala** "Syngenta is dedicated to encouraging safe use of crop protection products through efficient stewardship, as safe use of crop protection products ensures the safety and health of farmers." said **Dr K C Ravi, Chief Sustainability Officer, Syngenta India Limited**. Adding further, he stated that, "An important part of our overall stewardship program pertains to medical stewardship through which we aim to mitigate and identify real and emerging health issues."

Dr. Ramesh Neema, Chief Medical and Health officer (CMHO), Khargone graced the occasion as the **Chief Guest**. Doctors from government hospitals, Indian Medical Association & NIMA were also present at the event.

We also organized another Doctor's Training Program on "Recognition and Treatment of Pesticide Exposure" on the same day evening in Khargone. **The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Rajendra Joshi, Civil Surgeon, Khargone. Dr Ramesh Neema, CMHO, Khargone** was the **Chief Guest** and **Dr Nishant Mahajan, Secretary, IMA, Khargone** as the **Special Guest**. Syngenta India's field teams regularly hold stewardship training sessions for farmers during all farmer meetings and field days.

In each session we informed farmers about The Five Golden Rules for Safe Use of Crop Protection Products.

1. Before using, read and understand the product label.
2. Exercise caution at all times when handling a product.
3. Maintain application equipment in good working condition.
4. Practice good personal hygiene before, during and after using products.
5. Use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment.

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