

Parthenium awareness Day celebrated at ICAR-DGR

Parthenium awareness day was celebrated at Mithapur village on 22nd August 2023, as a part of Parthenium Awareness week 16-22 August 2023. About 65 farmers and 5 DGR staff has attended the event. Dr. CS Praharaj and Dr. KK Reddy acted as coordinators/convenors, and Dr. Manjunath Paled and Shri. RD Padvi acted as members of the event. Dr. CS Praharaj, Head Crop Production delivered a lecture on “Parthenium Weed – its effect on soil and animal health”. He has enlightened the farmers about health risks caused by this weed especially among rural masses and children and how it’s managed. Dr. KK Reddy gave a lecture on “Biological, Cultural and chemical control of Parthenium weed”. He stressed on the need of community efforts to manage *Parthenium* by biological control and also give information about bioagent Mexican beetle *zygogramma bicolorata*. and Shri. Manjunath Paled delivered a lecture on “Economic losses caused by Parthenium weed worldwide and in particular India”. Shri RD Padvi gave a lecture on “Composting of Parthenium biomass”. A Practical demonstration on the uprooting of parthenium weed was shown to farmers. Farmers appreciated the knowledge shared with them. Dr. KK Reddy gave the vote of thanks at the end of event



