

Outreach to farmers during Jai Kisan and Jai Vigyan week at Krishnagiri District in Tamil Nadu on 29.12.2015

As a part of Jai Kisan and Jai Vigyan week observed by Government of India ICAR - National Bureau of Agricultural Insect Resources, Bengaluru in association with Department of Agriculture, Govt. of Tamil Nadu and ICAR - KVK, Krishnagiri organised two seminars to benefit the farming community on 29.12.2015. The seminar was attended by over 50 farmers. The first programme was on Tomato pin worm, *Tuta absoluta* identification and management. Tomato is grown over 2000 acres in Krishnagiri district and farmers had experienced the damage to fruits by *Tuta* during the last cropping season. As the pest was new to this area, the farmers had little knowledge of it. Hence, we attempted to explain the nature and symptom of damage and management measures. Extension folder on *Tuta absoluta* with its biology, damage symptoms and management measures were provided to farmers attending the meeting. The farmers from Krishnagiri requested ICAR - NBAIR to demonstrate the slow release tuta pheromone formulation and botanical pesticides developed by ICAR - NBAIR in their fields. On approval from the competent authority the demonstration would be taken up during 2016.

The second session was scientist - Extension workers - Farmers interface on RICE IPM. The meeting was attended by Scientist from ICAR - NBAIR, ICAR - KVK, Krishnagiri and Department of Agriculture, Govt. Of Tamil Nadu. During the session we had interaction on Rice - IPM and the farmers raised their queries on production and protection aspect of rice. Scientist clarified doubts on the management measures for rice pest management.



Session on tomato pin worm, *Tuta absoluta* management



Scientist - Extension workers interface on rice IPM





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