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**Training on**

**Cultivation on Flower Crops under SCSP programme on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at Siddhatek village, Tal- Karjat, District- Ahmednagar.**

**Report**

- The ICAR- Directorate of Floriculture Research, Pune organized One day training on Cultivation on Flower Crops under SCSP programme on 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at Siddhatek village, Tal- Karjat, District- Ahmednagar.
- The programme was aimed at create awareness about floriculture farming and different opportunities available to Schedule Castes (SCs) farmers, youths etc and providing farm inputs to them. A team of Scientists comprising of Dr. Tarak Nath Saha, Dr. Ganesh Kadam, Dr. Girish KS, Dr.Sanjay Kad and Dr. Rahul Yadav conducted the training at the village.
- A total of 25 SCs farmers participated in the programme from 5 different villages (Siddhatek, Berdi, Hingangaon, Deolwadi and Phulwadi) of Karjat Taluka in Ahmednagar district. The training was also chaired by Dr Tarak Nath Saha, Sr. Scientist, ICAR-DFR, Pune and Dr. Vivek Bhoite, SMS, KVK, Baramati was also present in the programme.
- During the training, the villagers (beneficiaries) at present are taking only sugarcane, and some are taking cereals, vegetables, etc. The demand of flowers for the temples (in and around) was met from Pune market and few people are taking tuberose. They were told about the initiatives by Government of India for the upliftment of the intended farmers group through SCSP programmes and every ICAR institutes as per their mandated crops are taking up this programme
- ICAR-DFR Scientists highlighted on Opportunities in flower cultivation in Siddhatek, & other villages. They were encouraged to take floriculture for diversification of their field produce and gain handsome return. The cultivation practices of matching crops to that place were told and the ways they can modify/ change in the existing cultivation practices including marketing. New crop like Gladiolus, potted plant production, nursery were also briefed. Plant protection measures and marketing aspects were also addressed.
- During the concluding ceremony the beneficiaries were distributed with the inputs viz different types of biofertilizers, plastic mulch, knapsack sprayer, drips, groundnut sheller. As a part of the training program, a field visit was also done at farmers' fields where muskmelon was there.
- Expert from KVK Baramati, explained different horticulture related activities and programmes conducted in KVK & different training programmes for SCs farmers. The

officials of KVK, Baramati also present in the training and helped for local arrangements at village.

- During the concluding ceremony the beneficiaries were distributed to 30 SCs farmers with the inputs viz different types of biofertilizers, plastic mulch, knapsack sprayer, drips, groundnut sheller. As a part of the training program, a field visit was also done at farmers' fields where muskmelon was there.

### Glimpses of SCSP training in at Siddhatek village, Tal- Karjat, District- Ahmednagar

