

Report of MGMT Team, ICAR–DOGR, Pune

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As part of the Intensive Awareness Campaign under the Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav (MGMG) programme, a scientific team (Dr. S. S. Gadge, Dr. A. Thangasamy and Dr. Satish Kumar) along with Director (Acting), ICAR–DOGR, Pune visited Pargaon Mangrul village, Taluka Junnar, District Pune to create awareness on the judicious use of fertilizers and scientific input management.

An awareness meeting was conducted with 25 progressive farmers, including Sarpanch of the village. The team highlighted technologies developed by ICAR–DOGR for improving onion production and emphasized the need for balanced fertilizer use. Farmers were informed about the adverse effects of excessive chemical fertilizer use, including soil degradation, pest incidence, and environmental concerns. The guidance was provided on soil test-based balanced nutrient management. Dr. Ram Dutta, Director (Acting), ICAR-DOGR elaborated advantages of organic farming and evoked farmers to adopt *Trichoderma* spp. for higher yield production.

Farmers were also encouraged to adopt Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) practices by reducing dependency on synthetic fertilizers and using organic inputs such as farmyard manure, vermicompost, and bio-fertilizers like *Azotobacter* and PSB.



