

## **‘Parthenium Awareness Week’ organized at ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur during 16-22 August, 2017**

Parthenium Awareness Week was organized at all campuses of IIPR Kanpur. The details of activities carried out are as follows:

### **(i) IIPR Kanpur:**

ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur, celebrated Parthenium awareness week (16-22 August, 2017) at both campuses of Kanpur. On this occasion Parthenium control programme was organized for whole week under which Parthenium uprooting and application of non-selective herbicide glyphosate was carried out at both campuses. On this occasion an awareness programme was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2017 in which all staffs of institute assembled at a place. In this programme, Dr. Narendra Kumar, Principal Scientist explained about the Parthenium and its harmful impact on human and animal health. He also added its morphological and reproductive characteristics and highlighted the need of the *Parthenium* eradication and linked it to ‘Swatchha Bharat Abhiyan’. He informed that, all campuses are regularly monitoring the *Parthenium* infestation and accordingly taking the control measures. This has resulted in sharp decline in Parthenium population over the years. Dr. Kumar also mentioned about the biological control of *Parthenium* by *Zygogramma bicolorata* (Mexican beetle).

On this occasion, Dr. P.S. Basu, Head (Basic Science Division) appreciated the activities being undertaken at the Institute and efforts is being done towards *Parthenium* control along with *Swatchhata Abhiyan*. He also emphasize on health issues from *Parthenium*. After his remarks movement was started to remove Parthenium from main campus. At the end Dr. Rajesh Kumar, Head (Social Sciences Division) shared his experiences and the activities are being carrying out by his division under outreach programme. The programme was organized/coordinated by Dr. Narendra Kumar, Principal Scientist.

## Glimpses of Parthenium Awareness Programme at IIPR, Kanpur



**Participation of staffs in Parthenium Awareness Programme**



**Uprooting of Parthenium at Research Farm of main campus**

## (ii) Regional Research Centre, Dharwad

Many activities were organized during 'Parthenium Awareness Week' at Regional Research Centre, Dharwad during 16-22 August, 2017. A banner depicting organizing of the 'Parthenium Awareness Week-2017' was prepared and displayed at the entrance of the IIPR-RRC building to create awareness. All the scientific, technical, skilled and other staff including the contractual workers participated in the programme. The farm contractual workers and staff were appraised about the health and hazardous effects associated with the presence of *Parthenium* and need to clean them. During the awareness week, various activities like uprooting of *Parthenium* in the campus i.e., premises of old IIPR-RRC building, new lab cum office building, experimental fields, seed production blocks and also on the path/bunds in the farm were conducted at the centre. Also, spraying of herbicide i.e., glyphosate on the bunds and other non-cropped areas was carried out in the campus during the programme. 'Parthenium Awareness Week- 2017' was successfully conducted at IIPR-Dharwad campus and all necessary efforts were taken to make campus free from *Parthenium* weed.

### Glimpses of Parthenium Awareness Programme at IIPR-RRC, Dharwad



Participation of RRC staff in *Parthenium* Awareness Programme



**Uprooting of Parthenium along the path at RRC farm**



**Experimental Plot**



**Cleaning at Premises of RRC building**