

‘Parthenium Awareness Week’ organized at ICAR-IIPR, Kanpur during 16-22 August, 2018

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, 2018) 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. Activities related to *Parthenium* removal from farms and building premises are being conducted throughout year. Therefore, both the farms are almost free from *Parthenium* and it can be seen only in few pockets near remote boundary sides. An awareness programme was also undertaken through display of posters in different locations at farms and office buildings and sharing information through social media.

Glimpse of *Parthenium* Awareness Programme at IIPR, Kanpur



(ii) Regional Research Centre, Phanda, Bhopal

At this centre, many activities were organized during 'Parthenium Awareness Week' during 16-22 August, 2018. All the scientific & technical staff, SRF and YP-I, including the contractual laborers participated in the *Parthenium* awareness programme. Activities like uprooting of *Parthenium* in the campus near office building, road sides, seed production blocks and boundary sides were carried out at the centre under the supervision of Dr. Archana Singh, PS & Centre Incharge. Also, spraying of non-selective herbicide Glyphosate was also undertaken in the campus. The farm staff, contractual laborers and visitors were appraised about the human and animal health, and other problems associated with the presence of *Parthenium* grass. This centre has taken all necessary efforts during last few years to make the campus free from the *Prathenium*.

Glimpse of Parthenium Awareness Programme at IIPR-RRC, Bhopal



(iii) Regional Research Centre, Dharwad

Many activities were organized during ‘*Parthenium Awareness Week*’ at Regional Research Centre, Dharwad during 16-22 August, 2018. All the scientific staff and YP-I, including the contractual laborers participated in the *Parthenium* awareness programme. Various activities like uprooting of *parthenium* in the campus near and around main & new building, along the foot paths, in experimental fields, seed production blocks and on the bunds was carried out at the centre. Also, spraying of herbicide *viz.*, Glyphosate and Paraquat on the bunds and other non cropped areas was undertaken in the campus. The farm contractual laborers were appraised about the health and other problems associated with the presence of *parthenium* in the campus. All necessary efforts were taken to make the RRC, campus free from the *parthenium*.

Glimpse 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



A view of farm: Almost free from *Parthenium*

*The *Parthenium* Awareness programme at all campuses of ICAR-IIPR was coordinated by Dr. Narendra Kumar, Principal Scientist.