

Rabi Farmers' Day Celebration at Tansa Farm

Farmers' Day was successfully organized at Tansa Farm on 10th March 2026 on the topic of "Main Fruits and Sunflower Crop Management & Pest Management" with the objective of creating awareness among farmers about improved agricultural practices and strengthening the link between scientists and farmers. Around 60 farmers from nearby villages enthusiastically participated in the event.

The program began with a field visit where farmers were taken around the farm to observe different demonstration plots. During this visit, farmers closely examined crops such as Sunflower, Sunhemp and Safflower grown at the farm. The participants also visited the mushroom laboratory and the solar dryer unit, where they were informed about mushroom cultivation techniques and the benefits of solar drying technology for preserving agricultural produce.

The formal program started after the field visit. Shri. Kiran Patel, President of the function, delivered the introductory remarks and briefed the farmers about the various activities and initiatives undertaken by the ASPEE Foundation for the benefit of the farming community. He emphasized the importance of adopting modern agricultural technologies to improve productivity and farmers' income.

The program was anchored by Senior Scientist Dr. Swapnil Dekhane, who smoothly conducted the entire event and introduced the guest speakers. The chief guests for the program were Dr. Uttam Sahane and Shri. Bharat Kushare from Krushi Vigyan Kendra, Kosbad.

Shri. Bharat Kushare delivered an informative lecture on sunflower crop management. He explained important aspects such as suitable varieties, sowing time, spacing, nutrient management, irrigation practices and harvesting techniques for obtaining higher yield from sunflower cultivation.

Dr. Uttam Sahane delivered a detailed talk on insect and pest management in major crops. He highlighted common pests affecting fruit crops and field crops and suggested effective and eco-friendly management practices. He also emphasized the importance of timely monitoring and integrated pest management practices to reduce crop losses.

After the expert lectures, an interactive question-and-answer session was organized where farmers actively raised their queries related to crop management and pest control. The experts patiently addressed all the doubts and provided practical solutions to the farmers.

The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by ASPEE Foundation staff member Mr. Kalpesh Jadhav, who expressed gratitude to the chief guests, participating farmers, and all staff members for their support in making the event successful.

After clearing all the doubts of the farmers, the Farmers' Day program ended with lunch, leaving the participants satisfied and motivated to adopt improved farming practices.



The chief guest Shri. Bharat Kushare welcomed by ASPEE Foundation Director, Shri. Kiran L. Patel.



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Sunflower plot visit of the farmers.



Farmers visit to Solar Dryer.



Chief Guest Shri. Bharat Kushare addressing to the farmers.



Chief Guest Dr. Uttam Sahane addressing to the farmers.



Farmers doubt clearing session



A token of love gave to chief guest Shri. Bharat Kushare by the hands of Shri. Kiran L. Patel Sir.



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Vote of Thanks given by Mr. Kalpesh Jadhav.