

## **One-day training program on Biological Control of Pests in Sugarcane under SCSP**

Under the framework of the Scheduled Cast Sub Plan (SCSP), a one-day training program on ‘Biological Control of Pests in Sugarcane’ was organised by the ICAR-Indian Sugarcane Research Institute (ISRI), Biological Control Centre, Pravaranagar (MS) at the Krantiagarani Dr. G. D. Bapu Lad Cooperative Sugar Factory, Kundal (Sangli, Maharashtra) on 7th January 2025. One hundred (Male-91 and Female-09) SC farmers benefited from the command area of the sugar factory. The Chairman of the factory, Hon. Arun (Anna) Lad, while speaking on the occasion, praised the efforts of the scientists at the centre and appreciated the ICAR-ISRI, Lucknow for the implementation of the welfare scheme. At the outset, Dr. Dnyaneshwar Borase, Scientist & I/c, welcomed the dignitaries and introduced the Scheduled Cast Sub Plan (SCSP) Welfare Scheme. The battery-operated knapsack sprayer pumps, along with training kits, were distributed to the beneficiary farmers. Dr. Yogesh E. Thorat, the Scientist, delivered a talk on ‘Biological Control of Pests’ with an emphasis on the use of bioagents for pest management in sugarcane at the farmer gathering. The dignitaries on the dais launched the Marathi folder on the same subject. A vote of thanks was proposed by a beneficiary farmer, Mr. Vaibhav Manik Gothpagar, expressing gratitude to the scientists for the informative training session and scheme implementation.





