

## Parthenium Awareness programme

The KVK had organized an awareness programme on Parthenium Eradication at Rajammapuram village in Kilpennathur block on 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug 2022.

Mr.V.Suresh, Senior Scientist and Head, had delivered the welcome address and spoke on the importance of eradicating parthenium. Miss. M.Ishwarya, Subject Matter Specialist (Agronomy) had narrated how parthenium directly or indirectly affecting the human and animal population. He also described about the various methods in eradicating the weed species completely.

Shri. Ka.Rajaram, Deputy Agriculture Officer had explained about the origin, spread, impact of weed species in agriculture and animal population. He also had demonstrated the various control measures in controlling parthenium in the field especially composting

A total of 41 farmers, Officials from Department of Agriculture and Village panchayat president were participated in the awareness camp and the programme was ended up with a vote of thanks by Smt.T.Margaret, SMS Home Science.



Lecture on impact of parthenium weed in human and animal population



Demonstration of eradicating Parthenium weeds in the field by the KVK scientists.

## Poshan Abhiyan in Thiruvannamalai district

ICAR – Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Kilnelli organized National Campaign on Poshan Abhiyan and Tree Plantation under Poshan Maha Abhiyan at KVK premises involving farm women, Anganwadi workers, Rural Youth, and School students on 17.09.2022. This programme was inaugurated by Mr. V.Suresh, Senior Scientist and head i/c, During his inaugural address, he spoke on roles and responsibilities of farmers for food sustainability in the district.

Mr.S.Ramesh, President, Tamilnadu Board of Rural Development, Mr.B.Kandan, District Project officer, Integrated Child Development Scheme, Thiruvannamalai, Mrs.S.Kannaki, Child Development Project officer, Vembakkam, Selvi.S.Renukadevi, Agriculture officer, Mr.E.Suresh, IFFCO, Official from Indo American College and ICICI Foundation were participated as a special guest and delivered lecture in the programme.

Mr.B.Kandan District Project Officer gave lecture on “Importance of nutri products for better nutrition and Mrs. T.Margaret SMS Home Science delivered lecture on millets for healthy diet. Miss. M.Ishwarya SMS Agronomy delivered lecture on role of bio fortified millet varieties for farmers and farm women. The message from Honorable Union Agriculture Minister was telecasted among the participants during the programme.

In remembrance of International Year of millets 2023 millet based food competition was conducted among participants and prize distribution done for the them. A total number of 122 fruit saplings, 100 number of vegetable seed kit were also distributed to the participants. As a part of this event seven plants were distributed to each participants and also IFFCO sponsored nutri-vegetable seed kits were distributed to students. Besides, the 50 number of tree seedlings were transplanted by the special guest and participants.

A total number of 109 farmers, Rural Youth, students and Anganwadi workers from Cheyyar, Vandavasi and Vembakkam block of Thiruvannamalai district had participated in the event.



**Farmers and other participants in the Poshan Abhiyan programme**



**Tree plantation by special guest during Poshan Abhiyan programme at KVK premises**