



**Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra
Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture)
Visva-Bharati
Sriniketan, Dist. – Birbhum, West Bengal – 731236**



**Report on *Parthenium* Awareness Week, organized by Rathindra Krishi Vigyan
Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati
from 16.08.2022 to 22.08.2022**

Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Palli Siksha Bhavana (Institute of Agriculture), Visva-Bharati organized a Weeklong Awareness Programme, entitled, “*Parthenium* Awareness Week” from 16.08.2022 to 22.08.2022 involving the Students of the Seventh Semester B. Sc. (Agriculture) Honours Course of the Seacom Skills University (Village: - Kendra Dangal, P. O. – Sattore, C. D. Block: - Bolpur-Sriniketan, District: Birbhum, West Bengal, India, PIN: 731236) who are undergoing the Rural Agricultural Work Experience (RAWE) Course at the Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra.

On 16.08.2022, the Kendra organized a Field Trip of the above-mentioned Students to identify the *Parthenium* (*Parthenium hysterophorus* L.) and its Biological Control Agent *Zygogramma bicolorata* (Mexican Beetle) in the Sriniketan Campus of Visva-Bharati and its surrounding Areas. On 18.08.2022, the Kendra organized a Rally of the B. Sc. (Agriculture) Honours Students for generating awareness about the importance of managing the *Parthenium* Weed on the Theme “Managing *Parthenium hysterophorus* L. through Biological Control Method”. The Rally moved in and outside the Sriniketan Campus of Visva-Bharati. On 22.08.2022, Theoretical and Practical Classes on “Managing *Parthenium hysterophorus* L. through Biological Control Method” (with a especial focus on identifying and using the Mexican Beetles for controlling the *Parthenium* weed) were held.

All these activities were performed under the active guidance of Dr. Subrata Mandal, Sr. Scientist & Head, Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra; Dr. Prabuddha Ray, Subject Matter Specialist (Agricultural Extension), Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Sri Sayak Mahato, Subject Matter Specialist (Agricultural Meteorology).

The Kendra got the Technological backstopping from the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institute i.e., Directorate of Weed Science Research, Maharajpur, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh – 482004.

Field Trip of Students to identify the Parthenium (*Parthenium hysterophorus* L.) and its Biological Control Agent *Zygodramma bicolorata* (Mexican Beetle) on 16.08.2022 organized by the Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati, Birbhum



Rally of the B. Sc. (Agriculture) Honours Students for generating awareness about the importance of managing the *Parthenium* Weed on the Theme “Managing *Parthenium hysterophorus* L. through Biological Control Method” on 18.08.2022, organized by the Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati, Birbhum



Theoretical and Practical Classes on “Managing *Parthenium hysterophorus* L. through Biological Control Method” (with an especial focus on identifying and using the Mexican Beetles for controlling the *Parthenium* weed), organized by the Rathindra Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Visva-Bharati, Birbhum on 22.08.2022

