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### **Swachhta Pakhwada: Kitchen Gardening at Tribal Village, Singod, Navsari, Gujarat**

Navsari-Gujarat Research Centre of ICAR-CIBA organized Swachhta Pakhwada at Vill. Singo, Navsari, Gujarat on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023. On this occasion, scientists of the centre addressed a group of 40 farmers from the adopted tribal village about the necessity of cleanliness and kitchen gardening. CIBA scientists addressed the farmers about the importance of utilization of homestead and fish pond fallow land by converting to kitchen garden for cultivation of horticultural crops that provide extra incomes, meet up domestic needs for vegetables and nutrition, and create clean and esthetic surroundings of a house. This would also help in keeping house premise weed free and maintaining healthy organic environment. Therefore, maintenance of kitchen garden as a household activity by small and marginal farmers is promoted in the adopted tribal village and tribal farmers are doing kitchen garden with the help of CIBA- NGRC Centre. As a part of the Swachhta Pakhwada programme, villagers participated in the horticulture activity and cultivation of crops on the pond dykes and with irrigation from harvested pond water.



Awareness programme on Kitchen gardening and distribution vegetable saplings at Singod Village, Navsari, Gujarat



Planation of saplings by tribal farmers at Singod Village, Navsari, Gujarat



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