

### **Guidelines for December**

- Harvesting of *Ambia bahar* fruits should be completed as far as possible by first week of December and the trees should be put on water stress by withdrawing irrigation. For adequate stress spray cycocel @ 2 ml/lit of water.
- Dead wood pruning may be done after harvest of *Ambia* fruits which should be immediately followed by spraying of fungicide, Carbendazim @ 1 gm/litre water.
- Nurserymen should start budding programme. Budding should be done 20 to 25 cm above ground level.
- Drip irrigation on *Mrig bahar* bearing trees of Nagpur mandarin and sweet orange should be continued. Apply by drip irrigation 41 litres water/day/tree to 6 years tree and 82 litres water/day/tree to 10 years and above trees. Continue drip irrigation for *Mrig bahar* crop.
- In case of incidence of citrus mite that cause brownish patches on the outer skin of the fruits spray dicofol @ 2 ml or wettable sulphur @ 3 g or propargite @ 1 ml per litre of water. After 15 days second application should be given with any one of the two above miticides to check "Lalya" effectively.
- For citrus leaf miner management particularly in nursery pluck and destroy the affected leaves and spray thiamethoxam @ 0.3 g or imadacloprid @ 0.5 ml or Quinalphos @ 2 ml or dimethoate @ 2 ml/lit water. Second spray with any of the above insecticides should be given for better result after 15 days.
- If there is an incidence of *Phytophthora* (gummosis) on trunk of tree, scrap out the gum oozing portion, wash it with potassium permanganate solution and apply fosetyl Al or mefenoxam MZ paste.