



## REVIEW WORKSHOP of Insecticide Resistance Management (IRM): Dissemination of Pink Bollworm Management Strategies

The REVIEW WORKSHOP of Insecticide Resistance Management (IRM): Dissemination of Pink Bollworm Management Strategies 2018-19 was held on 23rd February, 2019 at ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur. Dr R. K. Singh, Assistant Director General (Commercial Crops), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi was the chief guest to chair the review workshop. Shri R. P. Singh, Director, Directorate of Cotton Development (DCD), Nagpur (Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare) was



the guest of honour. Dr S.S. Patil, Principal Scientist and Head, ARS, Dharwad and Dr. Y.P. Singh, Principal Scientist, Crop Science Division, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi were the special invitees. Dr. V. N. Waghmare, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, Dr. Blaise Desouza, Head I/C, Crop Production Division, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, Dr. Nandini Gokte-Narkhedkar, Head I/C Crop Protection Division, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, Dr. A. H. Prakash, Project Coordinator & Head I/C, ICAR-CICR, RS, Coimbatore, Tamilnadu, Dr. D. Monga, Head, ICAR-CICR, RS, Sirsa Haryana, Dr. M. V. Venugopalan, Head, Project Monitoring and Evaluation cell, ICAR-CICR, Dr. V. S. Nagrare, Principal Scientist and Principal Investigator, IRM-PBW Project, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur were prominently present. Participants from ICAR-CICR, 10 State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and 3 KVKs, covering a total of 21 districts from seven major cotton growing states from central and south India and new invitees from three agricultural universities from North India and one agricultural university from Gujarat attended the review workshop.

At the outset, Dr. Nandini Gokte-Narkhedkar, welcomed all the delegates, scientists from participating centres and scientists/officers from other line departments and gave the introductory remarks emphasizing the importance of dissemination of pink bollworm management strategies developed by ICAR-CICR, Nagpur.

Dr V. N. Waghmare informed that large scale implementation of pink bollworm management strategies formulated by ICAR-CICR, Nagpur helped to a great extent to keep the pest under control in central and south Indian cotton growing states. Shri R. P. Singh, mentioned that overall infestation of pink bollworm was low during the current season. He was satisfied with the implementation of this project at Adilabad (Telangana state) and Yavatmal (Maharashtra) where he visited for monitoring along with ICAR-CICR scientists and other DCD Staff. He appreciated work done by all the participating centers and coordinators in implementing IRM programme.

Dr R. K. Singh, ADG (CC) in his address, appreciated the efforts of ICAR-CICR as a nodal agency for effective implementation of IRM:PBW project. He emphasized on the importance of strategies developed by ICAR-CICR, Nagpur and also appreciated efforts taken by coordinators of all the implementing centers involved in the project. He opined that the havoc of pink bollworm was under control due to the strategies devised by ICAR-CICR that were followed by cotton production stakeholders in selected cotton growing states of India.

Dr V.S. Nagrare presented consolidated progress report on physical and financial achievements of the project and also pink bollworm infestation scenario in project villages during 2018-19.

Presentation were made indicating the levels of pink bollworm infestation in IRM vs. Non-IRM fields, agencies involved in implementation of IRM, pink bollworm management strategies implemented/ interventions carried out, critical inputs provided, monitoring visits, Kisan Melas, physical and financial progress etc.

Dr V. S. Nagrare, presented the new proposal for ensuing cropping season 2019-20 with inclusion of additional 9 districts, i.e. two from Haryana (Sirsa & Jind), two from Punjab (Bathinda & Mansa), two from Rajasthan (SriGanganagar & Hanumangarh), one each from Gujarat (Anand), Andhra Pradesh (Prakasam) and Telangana state (Warangal) thereby making total 30 districts. The Review workshop ended with vote of thanks proposed by Dr Vinita Gotmare, Principal Scientist (Genetics), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur.

### KVK CICR Nagpur Procured Farm implements under SMAM

Krishi Vigyan Kendra, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur has received 100% fund for purchasing farm implements under Submission of Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM) to promote farm mechanization among stake holders by conducting on field trainings and demonstrations. It aims to ensure performance testing of agricultural machinery and equipment and capacity building of farmers. Accordingly, KVK purchased two tractors 55hp and 35 hp, Cotton Stalk Shredder cum Up rooter, Plastic Mulch Laying Machine, Bund Former, Ridge Maker, MB Reversible Plough during March, 2019 under the funds received under the project.



Cotton Stalk Shredder-cum-Up rooter



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