



# CICR Happenings News Bulletin

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## Institute Research Council (IRC)-2024

On 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024, the third and final session of annual IRC meeting of ICAR-CICR for the year 2024 conducted on hybrid mode. Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director and Chairperson of IRC presided the meeting. External experts



Dr. S.R. Bhat and Dr. M.V. Venugopalan virtually participated in the deliberation on the project proposals for their respective disciplines. All

the Heads of Divisions, Heads of Regional Stations, Secretary-IRC, Jt. Secretary-IRC and all the Scientists of ICAR-CICR participated in the deliberation. Director, in his concluding remarks reiterated that funds shall be prioritized for the development of product profiles and urged scientists to publish their research outcome in high rated journals. Dr. Raghavendra K.P. and Dr. Pooja Verma acted as Rapporteurs. Dr. R. Jaya Kumaravaradan, Joint Secretary-IRC proposed the vote of thanks.

### Plantation Drive by ICAR-CICR

On June 5<sup>th</sup> 2024, KVK & ICAR-CICR, Nagpur conducted a tree plantation drive in ICAR-CICR premises by the hands of Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur; Dr. Ramkrushna G.I., Head I/c, KVK; Dr. G.T. Behere, Head, Division of Plant Protection; Dr. A.S. Tayade, Head, Division of Crop Production and the staff under "land restoration, desertification and drought resilience" under the slogan "Our land. Our future" as a part of series of activities organized by KVK & ICAR-CICR, Nagpur to mark the World Environment Day. The tree plantation drive was conducted with an aim to control global warming, to make the environment pollution-free and spread awareness on the importance of keeping the environment clean.



## World Environment Day Celebration at Anthropological Survey of India, Head Office, Nagpur

On 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Anthropological Survey of India, Head Office, Nagpur celebrated the World Environment Day. Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR participated in the programme as a Chief Guest and delivered a lecture.

## Agresco - 2024

On 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR attended the Joint Agresco - 2024 at Akola and delivered a lecture on "CICR Technologies and Achievements" organized by Dr. PDKV, Akola.

## One Day "Farmers Training, Awareness Camp-cum-Paddy Seed Distribution" Program at Gondia

On 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024, a one day "Farmers Training, Awareness Camp-cum-Paddy Seed Distribution" program was organised by ICAR-CICR, Nagpur in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (Dr. PDKV), Hiwara for scheduled tribe farmers of Gondia district at KVK, Hiwara, Gondia. Dr. Dipak T. Nagrale, Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology), Mr. Vishal Ubarhande, Senior Scientist and Head, KVK, Hiwara, Gondia, Dr. V.T. Kore, SMS (Horticulture), Mr. Manoj Bhomte, SMS (Agronomy), Mr. Rajebhau D.



Chavan, SMS (Ag. Entomology) were present as dignitaries. Subject Matter Specialists of KVK provided a detailed guidance to the participated farmers on how to increase production and productivity through improved production technologies with sowing management and proper irrigation management, whereas the Scientists from ICAR-CICR, Nagpur gave a detailed guidance on integrated management of diseases and pests on paddy and cotton crops. At the outset, Dr. Dipak T. Nagrale, convenor of the programme explained the DAPST scheme objectives for ST farmers, sensitised about the importance of seed treatment in integrated disease management of paddy and cotton crops. Mr. Vishal Ubarhande explained the agricultural scenario of Gondia district and gave the significance of mechanisation in paddy transplanting and their benefits. Mr. Rajebhau D. Chavan briefed about integrated management of pest in paddy crop whereas Mr. Manoj Bhomte explained the paddy transplanting technique like Belt method and SRI method. The program was hosted by Dr. V.T.Kore and Shri Sarang Shrirame, DAPST YP-1, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur assisted in farmers' registration and co-ordinated the event. During the program, improved paddy seed varieties of PKV-Tilak(70 nos.) and PKV-Sadhana(30 nos.); and vegetable seed kit (50 nos.) were distributed to 100 ST farmers for cultivation during the ensuing kharif season.



## One Day “Farmers Training, Awareness Camp-cum-Paddy Seed Distribution” Program at Gadchiroli

On 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024, a one day “Farmers Training, Awareness Camp-cum-Paddy Seed Distribution” program was organised by ICAR-CICR, Nagpur in collaboration with Krishi Vigyan Kendra (Dr. PDKV), Sonapur, Gadchiroli for ST farmers at KVK, Gadchiroli. The centrally sponsored, Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes (DAPST) is being implemented in the district under the chief guidance of Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur. Dr. Dipak T. Nagrale, Sr. scientist (Plant Pathology), Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Scientist (Agrl. Biotechnology), Shri P.A. Bothikar, SMS (Ag. Entomology), Dr. Pritam Chirade, SMS (Agronomy) and Shri Suchit K. Lakade were present as dignitaries. Subject Matter Specialists from KVK



provided detailed guidance to the participated farmers on how to increase production and productivity through improved production technologies, proper sowing and irrigation management whereas the Scientists from ICAR-CICR, Nagpur provided a detailed guidance on integrated management of diseases and pests in cotton as well as paddy crops. At the outset, Dr. Dipak T. Nagrale, Convenor of the training programme explained the DAPST scheme objectives for ST farmers and sensitised the importance of seed treatment in integrated disease management of paddy and cotton crops. Dr. Rakesh Kumar briefed about the importance of improved varieties and hybrids in cotton and paddy crops. Similarly, Shri Pushpak Bothikar addressed about integrated

management of pink bollworm and sucking pests in cotton and paddy. The program was hosted by Dr. Pritam Chirade. Shri Sarang Shirame, DAPST YP-1, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur assisted in farmers' registration and coordinated the event. During the program, paddy seeds of PKV-Tilak (50 nos.) and PKV-Kisan (50 nos.); and vegetable seed kit (27 nos.) were distributed to 100 ST farmers for cultivation during the ensuing kharif season.

## One Day “Farmers Training, Awareness Camp-cum-Paddy Seed Distribution” Program at Pandhurna

On 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2024, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur organised a “Farmers Training-cum- Distribution of BG -II Hybrid Seeds” program for the ST farmers of Marram village, Sausar Taluka of Pandhurna district in Madhya Pradesh under DAPST/TSP scheme. On this occasion, Shri Ajaydev Sharma, District Magistrate, Pandhurna District; Dr. Dipak T. Nagrale, Sr. scientist (Plant



Pathology) & Nodal Officer; Dr. Ramkrushna, G.I., Senior Scientist (Agronomy) and KVK-Head (I/c), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur; Shri Siddharth Patel, SDM, Sausar; Shri Jitendra Singh, Deputy Director, Agriculture Department; Dr. V.K. Paradkar, Pr. Scientist & Dean, JNKVV, College of Horticulture, Chhindwara; Dr. Sarita Singh, Scientist, KVK, Chhindwara;

and Mr. Deepak Chaurasia, Assistant Director of Agriculture graced the occasion. At the outset, Dr. Dipak T. Nagrale, Convenor of the training programme, elaborated on the objectives of DAPST scheme which is specifically designed for ST farmers. He highlighted the importance of this scheme in empowering ST farmers through advanced agricultural techniques and sustainable practices including integrating biological seed treatment as a management strategy which is crucial for maintaining suitable health of cotton. Dr. Ramkrushna G.I. explained the cultivation practices of HDPS cotton farming including sowing time, stages of plant maturation and the application of mepiquat chloride for managing the crop canopy, usually when the plants are around 45-60 days old. Shri Ajaydev Sharma provided a comprehensive overview of the current situation in Pandhurna District. Shri Sarang Shrirame, DAPST/TSP YP-I, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur assisted in farmers' registration and co-ordinated the program. During the event, BG-II cotton hybrid seeds were distributed to 51 ST farmers for HDPS cotton cultivation in the villages of Dukarjhela, Marram and Karli, Sausar cluster. Dr. Deepak Chaurasia proposed the formal vote of thanks.



### Seed Distribution-cum-Farmers Training Program Organized by Daftari Agro in Collaboration with CITI-CDRA

On June 17<sup>th</sup> 2024, a seed distribution-cum-farmers Training program was organized by Daftari Agro in collaboration with CITI-CDRA at Selu of Wardha District. In this programme, seed packets of Cotton Hybrid 2244 (Pushpa) were distributed to farmers of Selu cluster under NFSM

sponsored Special Project on Cotton. The programme was attended by Dr. Shailesh Gawande, Senior Scientist and Nodal officer of Wardha District from CICR, along with Shri Raut, Taluka Agriculture Officer of Selu, Shri Shailendra Daftari, Director of Daftari Agro, and Shri Govind Wairale, Project Coordinator of CITI-CDRA.



## PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Programme

On 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024, KVK & ICAR-CICR, Nagpur organized the live webcasting of PM Kisan Samman Nidhi Programme to farmers. As a part of the event, Vegetable seed kit, hand sprayer and bio fertilizers were distributed to the participants. Overall, 50 farmers participated in the programme.





## Director's Visits

- On 18<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, attended the QRT report meeting at NAAS Complex, New Delhi under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Director General, ICAR, New Delhi.
- On 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR participated in the interactive session of cotton stakeholders under Rasi-ICAR-CSR project at the office of Joint Director, ATMA, Hanumangarh, Haryana.
- On 19-20 June 2024, Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR surveyed the fields of Sirsa, Haryana and Mansa, Punjab.



## International Yoga Day - 2024

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur celebrated the International Yoga Day with great zeal and enthusiasm. On this occasion, Dr. Nupur Angal,





Physiotherapist delivered a Lecture on “fitness and small daily steps for inspiration, motivation” to the staff of ICAR-CICR. Speaking at this occasion, Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR said that Yoga is very essential in our life for physical as well as spiritual health.

### IRC Farewell Programme

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024, IRC organised a farewell programme for Dr. G. Balasubramani, Pr. Scientist (Agricultural Biotechnology) and Dr. D.V. Patil, Pr. Scientist (Genetics and Plant Breeding) in the Seminar Hall. All Scientists of headquarters and regional stations participated in the programme and felicitated the superannuating Scientists.



## Farm Field School on Air

On June 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2024, Radio Talks were organized under CCI project on 'Farm Field School on Air' with the title "Vazhvai Viruthiyaakkum Paruthi (Prosperous Life through Cotton). The program started during March 2024 and will continue till June 2024, where each Scientist from the regional station, Coimbatore will deliver a lecture on a specific topic on cotton to be broadcast every Wednesday.

- Dr. K. Rameash, Principal Scientist (Agricultural Entomology) on Pink Bollworm management in cotton
- Dr. J. Gulsarbanu, Principal Scientist (Nematology) on Nematode Management in Cotton
- Dr. A. Sampathkumar, Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology) on Cotton Diseases and IDM practices
- Dr. P. Valarmathi, Scientist (Plant Pathology) on Necrosis disease caused by TSV: Symptoms and Integrated Management

## Farewell Programme of ICAR-CICR Staff

On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024, the Staff Recreation Club of ICAR-CICR, Nagpur organised a farewell programme for Dr. G. Balasubramani, Pr. Scientist (Agricultural Biotechnology), Dr. D.V. Patil, Pr. Scientist (Genetics and Plant Breeding) and Dr. S.S. Patil, SMS, KVK in the Training hall of the Institute. All Staff of ICAR-CICR, Nagpur participated in the programme and felicitated the superannuating staff.





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