



CICR Happenings News Bulletin

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Training program on skill development for rural women

ICAR-CICR, Nagpur organized a training program on skill development for rural women under the Development Action Plan for Scheduled Caste (DAPSC) scheme on 6th March, 2024. Dr Y G Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR presided over the function. Dr Vidya Mankar, Principal RAMETI, Nagpur



was the Chief Guest. Among the other guests were Mr. Pravin Wankhede, CEO of Universe Exports and Mrs Sangita Chavhan, Women social activist. The training was attended by 60 women from 10 villages from Nagpur, Wardha and Yavatmal Districts. The participants were distributed sewing machines.

International Women's Day

ICAR-CICR, Nagpur celebrated Women's Day program on March 8, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Director, Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur. Dr. Nandini (Gokte) Narkhedkar, Former Principal Scientist ICAR-CICR was the Chief Guest of the occasion. The dias was shared by Dr. Vinita Gotmare, Principal Scientist. All the women staff of the institute including Scientists, Technicals, Administrative staff, SRF, JRF, Young Professionals, Students and supporting staff have witnessed the program with recreational activities and fun games. The women Technical staff



including Mrs. Mithila Meshram and Mrs. Chaitali Rodge have arranged the overall program theme and activities for successful completion of program. On this occasion the Director rewarded the young scientists and other staffs for their noble contributions.

Interactive meeting with Secretary and Joint Secretary

Interactive meeting with Sh. Manoj Ahuja, Secretary and Sh. Samuel Praveen Kumar, Joint Secretary, Directorate of Agriculture and Co-operation and Farmers Welfare, GOI was held at ICAR-CICR, RS, Coimbatore on March 9th, 2024. During the field visit-cum interactive meetings with scientists the discussions were held about the recently released varieties and technologies. Dr. A. H. Prakash, Head, CICR, RS, Coimbatore welcomed the guests. The Joint Secretary emphasized the need for developing technologies to suit the requirements of stakeholders for immediate and wider adoptions. The Secretary pointed out the importance of cotton as a raw material for the textiles industry.



Farmers' training-cum-input distribution program

ICAR-CICR, Nagpur and Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Sonapur, Gadchiroli jointly organized a "Farmers' training-cum-input distribution program" under Development action plan for Scheduled tribes (DAPST) on



11th March, 2024 in the premises of KVK, Gadchiroli. The critical inputs like seed of moong and PSB liquid formulations were distributed to ST farmers for sowing in summer season 2024. Dr. Dipak T. Nagrale, organizing secretary of training program explained the objectives of DAPST scheme for benefit of ST farmers and interacted about procedure of organic cultivation, identification and management of diseases of cotton and moong. Subject matter specialists from KVK, Gadchiroli guided on enhancement of production and productivity of moong through improved technologies. Sh. Sarang Shrirame(YP-1) assisted in farmers' registration and coordinated in the successful organization of the event.

Farmers' training under CICR - CCI Pilot Project

ICAR-CICR, RS Coimbatore organized a one day farmers' training program on "Recent Technologies for ELS Cotton Cultivation with High Yields and Profitability" at Vellalapatti Village, Salem district of Tamil Nadu on March, 18, 2024 under CICR - CCI Pilot Project on "Awareness and Extension Services on Best Farm Practices for Cotton Farmers to Improve Quality, Yield and Sustainability". Dr A. Sampathkumar, Senior Scientist and Co-PI of the project provided introductory remarks about the project.





Shri. Neeraj Kumar Bhatt, AGM, CCI, Coimbatore delivered a Special address. Dr K. Baghyalakshmi, Scientist (PBG) presented a lecture on Selection of cultivars suitable for ELS cotton cultivation. Dr. K. Shankarganesh, Senior Scientist (Entomology) delivered a speech on insect pests of ELS cotton and IPM practices. Dr A. Sampathkumar, Senior Scientist spoke about integrated disease management practices in ELS cotton. Ninety farmers participated in the program.

Exposure-visit of ELS Cotton Farmers

Exposure-visit of 30 ELS Cotton Farmers from Kinathukadavu to Ginning Mill was organized at Sri Santhalakshmi Mills Pvt. Ltd (SLM) Pollachi, Coimbatore district, Tamil Nadu on March 19, 2024 under CICR-CCI Pilot Project. Dr A. Sampathkumar, Senior Scientist and Co-PI of the project welcomed the gatherings. Shri. Neeraj Kumar Bhatt, AGM, CCI, Coimbatore delivered a Special address on clean cotton picking. Shri. A. Lakshmanan, MD, SLM, Pollachi briefed about the activities carried out in the mill and ELS cotton





procurement for the ginning process. Shri. Vetri, Manager, SLM, explained in detail about the common contaminants in the seed cotton and stressed importance of the clean cotton picking. He also exposed the farmers to various activities carried out in the ginning mill and showed contaminants received in seed cotton.

Farmers' training program

ICAR-CICR, RS Coimbatore organized a one day farmers' training program on "Cotton Fiber Quality, Clean Cotton Picking and Crop Residue Management" for 50 farmers at Bommakkottai Village, Virudhunagar district, Tamil Nadu on March 20, 2024 under CICR-CCI Pilot Project. Dr A. Sampathkumar, Senior Scientist and Co-PI of the project welcomed the gatherings. Dr S. Usha Rani, Principal Scientist and PI of the Project provided introductory remarks and delivered a lecture on the importance and methods of Clean Cotton Picking. Dr A. Sampathkumar, Senior Scientist spoke about Fibre Quality Maintenance in Cotton at field level. Dr K. Shankarganesh, Senior Scientist (Entomology) presented the importance of Cotton Stalk Residue Management after harvest.



Farmers Training Program

ICAR-CICR, RS Coimbatore organized a one day farmers 'training program on "Mechanization and High-Density Planting System (HDPS) for high yields and productivity of Cotton" at KVK, Aruppukkottai, Virudhunagar district, Tamil Nadu



on March 21, 2024 under CICR - CCI Pilot Project. Dr S. Usha Rani, Principal Scientist and PI of the Project provided introductory remarks and delivered a lecture on cultivars suitable for HDPS. Dr K. Shankarganesh, Senior Scientist (Entomology) presented the importance of pests of HDPS and IPM practices with special reference to stem weevil. Dr A. Sampathkumar, Senior Scientist delivered a lecture on important diseases of HDPS and IDM practices.

"Exposure Visit cum Summer Moong Seed Distribution" Program

ICAR-CICR, Nagpur organised an "Exposure visit cum summer moong seed distribution" program in the institute campus on 27th March, 2024 for scheduled tribes' (STs) farmers of village-Salaimendha, Taluka-Hingna, Dist-Nagpur under DAPST. The summer moong seeds were distributed to 16 ST farmers for sowing in summer season 2024. Dr. Dipak



T. Nagrale, convener of training programme explained the objectives of DAPST scheme for benefit of ST's farmers and highlighted the importance of seed treatment, integrated pest and disease management of cotton and moong. During exposure visit, Mrs. Sunita Chauhan, SMS, KVK, Nagpur sensitized the farmers on importance of IFS model, organic inputs in maintaining soil fertility and maximizing farm produce with reduced cost of cultivation. Mr. Sarang Shrirame (DAPST/TSP YP-I), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur assisted in farmers' registration and co-ordinated in the success of the program. Mr. Sujit Kumbhare proposed the formal vote of thanks.

Farewell to Dr. K. Rathinavel, Principal Scientist (Seed Technology)

Institute Research Council (IRC) of ICAR-CICR organized a farewell program for Dr. K. Rathinavel, Principal Scientist (Seed Technology), ICAR-CICR, RS, Coimbatore on his superannuation during the Annual IRC meeting of ICAR-CICR, RS Sirsa on March 27, 2024. The Scientists from Nagpur HQ and RS Sirsa joined the program in online mode. Dr. P. Nalayani, Principal Scientist, RS Coimbatore presented a brief bio data of Dr. Rathinavel and felicitated him. Salient lifetime achievements were presented by Dr. K. Rathinavel followed by the sharing of experience by all the scientists.



Visitors

Visit of officials of Agriculture Department, Chhindwara, MP to ICAR-CICR, Nagpur



Dr. Vijay Paradkar Dean, College of Agriculture Chhindwara, Mr. Jitendra Kumar Singh Deputy Director of Agriculture Chhindwara, Mr. Dhiraj Thakur Assistant Director of Agriculture, Mr. Deepak Chaurasia ADA/SDO Pandhurna, Sausar, Mr. Nilkanth Patwari SDO (Ag) Chhindwara, Mr. Sachin Jain SDO (Ag), Yogesh Bhalavi SADO Sausar, Mr. K. V. Digarse SADO Pandhurna, Mr Sahil Paradkar, Mr. Vinod Lokhande BTM (ATMA) Pandhurna, Mr. Saurabh Sahu BTM (ATMA) Sausar visited ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on March 01, 2024. Dr. Harish Kumbhalkar Senior Technical Officer conducted Germplasm unit visit, Mr Sujeet Kumbhare, Sr. Technician explained the research activities conducted in Insectary. Dr Ramkrushna GI Senior Scientist (Agronomy) delivered presentations on Cotton Canopy Management & High-Density Planting system (HDPS) in cotton; Dr Manikandan Sr. Scientist gave presentation on intercropping in Cotton. Mrs. Sunita Chauhan, SMS, KVK conducted the visit of IFS unit. The visit was coordinated by Dr. Rachna Pande, Sr Scientist and Nodal Officer HRD.

Visit of officials of Agriculture Department, Dhar District, MP to ICAR-CICR, Nagpur

Mr. G.S. Mohoriya Deputy Director of Agriculture Dist. Dhar M.P., Mr. K.S. Magar PD ATMA Dist. Dhar, Mr. B.K. Khadwaye ASCO, Mr. Lokesh Chauhan AFO, Mr. Santosh Patidar SADO Dist. Dhar, Mr. Pradeep Rothore BTM (ATMA) Dist. Dhar visited at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on 5/03/24. Dr. Harish Kumbhalkar Senior



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Students visit



About 44 Students of Bsc. along with faculty members from Dhote Bandhu Science College, Gondia

About 51 Students of B. Com along with faculty members from Dada Ramchand Bakhru Sindhu Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur



About 44 Students of Bsc. (Agri) along with faculty members from Vasudhatai Deshmukh College of Agriculture Bodana, Amravati



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