



# CICR Happenings News Bulletin

May 2024

## Institute Research Council (IRC) - 2024

Institute Research Council (IRC) meeting of ICAR-CICR for the year 2024 (IRC-2024) was conducted on hybrid mode from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May and on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024. Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director and Chairperson of IRC chaired the meeting. All Heads of Division, Head of Regional Stations, Secretary-IRC, Jt. Secretary-IRC and all the Scientists of Nagpur headquarters, Coimbatore and Sirsa Regional Stations participated in the deliberations. Dr. Neelkanth S. Hiremani, Secretary, IRC welcomed the attendees and presented outline of the IRC programme. Director in his introductory remarks, briefly highlighted the significant achievements and current initiatives of ICAR-CICR to enhance cotton productivity in the country through "Special Project on Cotton". Eminent external experts in relevant disciplines participated in the discussions and deliberations on the project proposals. Dr. B.M. Khadi and Dr. S.R. Bhat reviewed the presentations of Crop Improvement in person; Dr. M.V. Venugopalan and

Dr. Prakash Rao reviewed the presentations of Crop Production virtually; and Dr. T.V.K. Singh reviewed the presentations of Crop Protection in person. Director, in his concluding remarks, reiterated that funds shall be prioritized for the development of product profiles and urged the Scientists to publish their research outcome in high rated journals. Dr. Raghavendra K.P. and Dr. Pooja Verma noted the proceedings. The meeting ended with a formal vote of thanks by Dr. R. Jaya Kumaravaradan, Joint Secretary-IRC.



### **Textile Advisory Group (TAG) Meeting**

Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR attended the 8<sup>th</sup> Textile Advisory Group (TAG) meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 organized by the Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles, Mumbai at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi presented the results of the Special Project on Cotton.

### **Technology Mission on Cotton - II Meeting**

Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR attended a meeting with the Joint Secretary (Seed), Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024, the seed production component of the proposed Technology Mission on Cotton - II organized by the Secretary (Fibre), Ministry of Textiles, New Delhi through video conferencing.

## Visit to NEH Partner ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak, Dirang

Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR visited the NEH partner ICAR-National Research Centre on Yak, Dirang, Arunachal Pradesh on 15-16 May, 2024 and participated in the Training Programme-cum-Input Distribution and signed MoU organized by NRC on Yak, Dirang and ICAR-CICR, Nagpur under NEH Component of ICAR-CICR, Nagpur.

## National level Hackathon

Under the guidance of Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR Nagpur, the C-MIMS Innovators team lead by Dr. Babasaheb B. Fand, Senior Scientist (Ag. Entomology), Mr. Prashant Gayakwad, Miss Vaishnavi Nankhade, M.Sc. (Ag. Entomology) students. The team ICAR-CICR won third prize in the National level Hackathon on "Digital Crop Survey: Crop Area and Yield Estimation" instituted by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt of India. The award comprised of an appreciation certificate and a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/-. The award was received from the auspicious hands of Sh. Manoj Ahuja, Hon'ble Secretary, Directorate of Agriculture and Co-operation and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India in an award ceremony held on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.



## Interaction Meeting with Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra

An interaction meeting was held with Dr. Praveen Gedam, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Government of Maharashtra at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2024. All Heads of Divisions and Scientists participated in the meeting chaired by the Director, ICAR-CICR.



## Farm Field School on Air

A Radio talk series on 'Farm Field School on Air' titled "Vazhvai Viruthiyaakkum Paruthi (Prosperous Life through Cotton)" was organized by the Regional Station, Coimbatore under CCI project. The program was started during March 2024 and will continue till June 2024, where each Scientist will deliver a lecture on a specific topic on cotton to be broadcast every Wednesday. Details of the five lectures delivered on March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 are given below:

- Dr. J. Annie Sheeba Senior Scientist (Plant Physiology) on 'Physiological disorders in cotton'
- Dr. Isabella Agarwal, Principal Scientist (Agricultural Economics) on 'The role of Tamil Nadu cotton growers in Indian economy'
- Dr. M. Sabesh, Principal Scientist (Computer Application) on 'Computer's role in Cotton research and Cultivation'
- Dr. M. Amutha, Principal Scientist (Agricultural Entomology) on 'Emerging insect pests of cotton and their management'
- Dr. K. Shankar Ganesh Principal Scientist (Agricultural Entomology) on 'Important sucking insect pests and cotton stem weevil and their management'



## Review-cum-Interaction Meeting: Special Project on Cotton

A Review-cum-Interaction meeting of the Special Project on Cotton was conducted on hybrid mode chaired by Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR. Dr. A.L. Waghmare, Director, DCD, Nagpur; Dr. S.K. Roy, Director, ATARI, Pune; Shri Dada Lad, Progressive Farmer and all Heads of Divisions and Scientists of ICAR-CICR attended the meeting along with external delegates and farmers on 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.



## Technology Mission on Cotton – II Meeting

Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR attended a meeting chaired by the Secretary (T) to review the proposed components of the Technology Mission on Cotton - II at Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi organized by Fibre I (cotton) section, Ministry of Textiles, New Delhi on 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

## Round Table Discussion

Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR participated in the Round Table Discussion on “Increasing Cotton productivity and profitability in Maharashtra” at ICAR-CIRCOT, Mumbai organized by Agrovison Foundation, Nagpur on 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.

## Rajiv Gandhi Krishi Ratna Award

CICR's Scientists Dr. Babasaheb B. Fand and Dr. Shailesh Gawande received the State level Rajeev Gandhi Krishi Ratna Award 2023-24 from Rajeev Gandhi Krishi Vigyan Pratishthan, Amaravati. The award was in recognition of their development and implementation of "Krishi Kirtan", an innovative technique for disseminating agro technology among farmers. The awardees were performing this novel program at various forums like district level agricultural technology festival, Agrovision exhibition, and farmers' training programmes for the past three years. They received the award from the auspicious hands of Hon'ble former Minister of State Mrs. Vasudhatai Deshmukh during the ceremony organised at KVK, Ghatkhed, Amravati district on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024.



अमरावती : केंद्रीय कापूस संशोधन संस्थेचे तज्ज्ञ बाबासाहेब फंद या जैलेखा गांधी यांना जुळवकारी राजीव गांधी कृषि रत्न पुरस्काराने सन्मानित करण्यात आले. याची संती चसपा देशमुख यांनी समारंभ प्रदान केले.

### 'सीआयसीआर'च्या तज्ज्ञांचा गौरव

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अमरावती : कृषी क्षेत्रात या नावेन्यून शेतकरी प्रबोधनर उद्गमवदल केंद्रीय कापूस संशोधन संस्थेचे तज्ज्ञ डॉ. बबसाहेब फंद आणि डॉ. शैलेश गावडे यांना राजीव गांधी कृषि विज्ञान प्रतिष्ठानद्वारे कृषिविज्ञान पुरस्कार देत गौरविल्यात आले. जुळवकारी (ता.२२) केंद्राचे घातखेड येथे हा कार्यक्रम झाला.

याची संती बाबासाहेब देशमुख यांच्या हस्ते जैलेख राजीव गांधी कृषि विज्ञान प्रतिष्ठानचे अध्यक्ष प्रकाश सांबळी यांच्या

प्रमुख उपस्थितीत हा पुरस्कार प्रदान करण्यात आला. या वेळी प्रतिष्ठानचे पदाधिकारी तसेच कृषी विज्ञान केंद्र घातखेडचे सर्व विषयवस्तू उपस्थित होते. केंद्राचे घातखेडचे डॉ. अतुल केळकर (संरक्ष शास्त्र) आणि डॉ. अमर तावडे (विषयशास्त्र) यांनी या कार्यक्रमाचे आयोजन केले होते. राजीवगांधी शेतती संकलन साध्या आणि सोप्या पद्धतीने समजावून घ्यावारी कृषी क्षेत्रासाहाय्य अर्जिवाला उद्गमवारी घुमवता केंद्रघातखेड आणि जैलेख कालवती वदल शेतकरीघेनुष बाबा कडले अती अर्जिवा वदल वदल वदलघातवारी पुरस्काराघेवें अर्जिवावें केले.

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## Awareness-cum-Input Distribution Programme

KVK, ICAR-CICR conducted an Awareness-cum-Input Distribution programme on "Bio fungicide & seed treatment "at Khairi village of Umred tehsil in Nagpur district under Tribal Sub Plan. Vegetable seed kit was distributed to 30 participating farmers on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.



## International Webinar between MANAGE & ICAR-CICR

Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR delivered a presentation during Collaborative International Webinar between MANAGE & ICAR-CICR, Nagpur organized by MANAGE, Hyderabad through virtual mode on 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2024.

## Students and Extension Functionaries Visit

- Four B.Tech (VIII Sem.) students of Vasantao Naik College of Agricultural Biotechnology visited the Biotechnology and Tissue culture labs at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur. They interacted with the concerned Scientists and learned about the ongoing research activities on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2024.
- B.Sc. and M.Sc. Biotechnology students of Alva's College, Moodubidire, Karnataka visited the Regional Station, Coimbatore. Dr. A. Manivannan, Senior Scientist (Plant Breeding and Genetics) delivered a lecture on Cotton Biotechnology on 20th May, 2024.
- The foundation batch of 39 Agriculture Assistants from the Department of Agriculture paid an exposure visit to the

Institute organized by RAMETI Nagpur. The following experts delivered the talk and facilitated the visit on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

- Dr. Y.G. Prasad: Overview of ICAR-CICR research and outreach activities
- Dr. Babasaheb B. Fand: IPM in Cotton
- Dr. S. P. Gawande: IDM in Cotton
- Dr. Vinita Gotmare: Colour Cotton varieties







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