



CICR Happenings News Bulletin

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Tree Plantation Programme



KVK & ICAR-CICR, Nagpur arranged a tree plantation programme on 5th June, 2023 under the "Mission Life" as a part of series of activities to mark the celebration of World Environment Day. Saplings of various tree species were planted in the institute premises by the hands of Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, Sh. A.A. Goswami, Chief Administrative Officer and all the staff. The tree plantation drive was conducted with an aim

to control global warming, make environment pollution free, and spread awareness on the importance of keeping a clean environment

Meeting of Scientific Advisory Committee



The 28th Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting (SAC) of KVK, ICAR-CICR was held at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on 09th June, 2023.

Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur chaired the meeting in a virtual mode. Dr. Prasad in his address, stressed the need for disseminating the pink bollworm IPM strategies in ensuing season to the farmers of the district so as to enable them undertake timely management and minimize the cost of protection.

Dr. S. N. Rokde, Head I/c, KVK and Member Secretary, SAC presented an action taken report in the light of comments given in the previous SAC held on 22.6.2022 followed by achievements of KVK during the year 2022-23. This was followed by the presentations of annual action plans for 2023-24 by respective Subject Matter Specialists.

The meeting was attended by Sh. Rajendra Sable, JDA, Nagpur Division); Sh. Manohare, DSO Nagpur; Project Director ATMA, Nagpur; Dr. Prakash Kadu, Associate Dean, College of Agriculture, Nagpur; Officials from State Animal Husbandry Department; District Sericulture Officer; Representative from NABARD, Scientists from ICAR-CCRI and ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Heads of Divisions of ICAR-CICR, Nagpur; and innovative farmers of Nagpur district.

Distribution of Critical Inputs to farmers



Various critical inputs like seeds (cotton, soybean, tur, paddy, and vegetables); crop protection kits; and bio-fertilizer kits for Kharif Season 2023-24 were distributed to a total of 586 Scheduled Caste farmers from villages of Nagpur, Wardha and Amravati districts of Maharashtra under Development Action plan for Scheduled Castes (DAPSC) scheme. The DAPSC (SCSP) scheme implementation committee of ICAR-CICR arranged and coordinated these programmes during 15 - 30 June, 2023.

Celebration of International Day of Yoga



The ICAR-CICR has observed 9th International Day of Yoga on 21st June, 2023 at its headquarters in Nagpur, and two regional stations at Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu) and Sirsa (Haryana). The theme of the yoga for this year was 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' with a domestic tag line 'Har Aangan Yoga'. The program started with the live telecast of event with Sh. Jagdeep Dhankar, Hon'ble Vice President of India. The participants took the Yoga pledge and performed the Yoga asanas.



At CICR, Regional Station Coimbatore, Yoga day was celebrated by performing simple yoga asana, breath exercises, and meditation practices. Dr. A.H. Prakash, Head, Regional Station and Dr. K. Rathinavel, Principal Scientist addressed the participants on the occasion. Mr. A. Manivannan, a teacher of "Art of Living" and an organizer cum trainer for the "Youth Leadership Development" program was the Chief Guest.

At CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa Yoga day was organized under the guidance of Dr. Rishi Kumar, Head I/c. The demonstrations of the Yog Asanas were performed under the supervision

Training program on "ELISA based testing of Cry protein in Bt Cotton"



ICAR-CICR, Nagpur organized a one-day training program on "ELISA based testing of Cry Protein in Bt Cotton" for the technical staff of the institute on 22nd June, 2023. Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR in his

inaugural address, emphasized the importance of such trainings for overall improvement of working efficiency of staff of the institute. Dr. V.N. Waghmare, Head, Division of Crop Improvement; Dr. G.T.Behere, Head, Division of Crop Protection; and Dr. M.V. Venugopalan, Head PME Cell were present during the inuagral session.

The program was aimed to provide hands-on experience to the participants, enabling them to effectively conduct Bt testing of plant materials. By equipping the technical staff working on Bt cotton, with advanced skills in ELISA-based testing of Cry protein, the program aimed to enhance their expertise and contribute to the successful implementation of Bt cotton-related projects. Various aspects of Cry protein testing, including laboratory techniques, sample handling and processing, data interpretation, and quality assurance were covered under the training program. Dr. G. Balasubramani, Dr. K.P.Raghavendra, Dr. J. Amudha, Mr. Rakesh Kumar, and Mr. Joy Das coordinated the programme.

Training on Nutri Garden for sustainable nutrition for human health



KVK and ICAR-CICR, Nagpur organized training on 'Nutri Garden for sustainable nutrition for human health' under the DAPST scheme on 22nd June, 2023. The purpose of the training was 'Capacity building & demonstration of horticultural crops'. The seeds packets and seedlings of improved varieties of vegetables were distributed to the tribal women farmers of Bhivapur tehsil of Nagpur district.

One day Workshop for Women Farmers

ICAR -CICR, Nagpur in collaboration with Gram Seva Mandal, Gopuri, Dist. Wardha organised "One day Workshop for Women Farmers" under DAPSC scheme at Durgada Village, TalukaDeoli, Dist. Wardha on 23 June, 2023. The critical inputs like seeds of soybean (var. Phule Sangam) and pigeon pea (BDN-716), Trichoderma powder and Rhizobium culture for seed treatment were distributed to a total of 60 SC farmers including women farmers. For capacity building and entrepreneurship development of women of Sakhi Saheli Self Help Group (SHG) of Durgada, four units of 'Ambar Charkhas' (Cotton Spinning machines) were distributed.



The women members of SHG will be trained on the use of these machines with the technical guidance and support from experts of Gram SevaMandal, Gopuri, Wardha. Dr.JayantMeshram, Nodal officer, DAPSC briefed about the various developmental activities being implemented by ICAR-CICR under the scheme DAPSC. Dr.Babasaheb B Fand and Dr Shailesh P. Gawande guided about the pest and disease management and explained about the use of Trichoderma and Rhizobium for seed treatment of soybean and tur seeds. Mr.BhimraoBawankar from Gram SevaMandalGopuri guided about the use of Ambar charkha. Mr.AkshayKamble, AshwinMeshram Vijay Gaikwad and Mr Samir Chalkhure, PA to Director facilitated the arrangements for the input distribution to the farmers. The programme was convened by Dr.JayantMeshram, Dr.Babasaheb B. Fand and Dr.Shailesh P. Gawande.

One day “Farmer's Training-cum- Awareness Camp and Seed Distribution” programme



ICAR-CICR, Nagpur in collaboration with KVK, Sonapur (Dist. Gadchiroli) organized one day “Farmers Training-cum-Awareness Camp and Seed Distribution” programme on 27th June, 2023 for tribal farmers of Gadchiroli district under development



action plan for scheduled tribes (DAPST) scheme. The improved seeds of paddy (cv. PKV-Tilak) were distributed to the tribal farmers for planting in ensuing kharif season 2023. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Dipak T. Nagrale, Nodal Officer DAPSC and Dr. UlhasGalkate, SMS (Veterinary Science), KVK, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur. The Subject Matter specialists of KVK, Sonapur viz., Shri. P. A. Bothikar (Crop Protection), Shri. Naresh Buddhewar (Agrometeorology) and Shri. Dnyaneshwar Thatod (Ag. Engineering) facilitated the arrangements of the programme.

One day Farmers' Field Training

ICAR - CICR Nagpur organized one day Farmers' field training on 28 June, 2023 for cotton farmers of villages Khobna, Aamti and Bodkhi Peth in Kushi tehsil of Nagpur district. The BG II cotton hybrid seed



(Moksha and Jai Ho) were distributed as critical inputs to 45 SC farmers for conducting demonstrations on Integrated Cotton Management (ICM) under DAPSC scheme. The training program was convened by Dr. GI Ramkrushna, Senior Scientist (Agronomy), Dr Shailesh P. Gawande, Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology) and Dr. Babasaheb B. Fand Senior Scientist (Agricultural Entomology). The farmers were provided technical guidance on sowing, management of nutrients, weeds, insect pests and diseases in cotton crop. The farmer mobilization and input distribution program was facilitated by Mr. Akshay Kamble and Mr. Vijay Gaikwad.



Personnel

Appointment

Dr. Arkalgud Hiriyannaiah Prakash, Principal Scientist ICAR-CICR, Regional station, Coimbatore is appointed to the post of Head, ICAR-CICR, Regional station (Crop Improvement), Coimbatore on 14th June, 2023.



Dr. Gajanan Tryambak Behere, Principal Scientist ICAR-CCRI, Nagpur is appointed to the post of Head, Division of Crop Protection, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, on 20th June, 2023.



Superannuations

Shri Dilip Bhaurao Mohurle, Skilled Supporting Staff, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur was retired on 30th June, 2023.



Shri Dilip Tatoba Dhakne, Skilled Supporting Staff, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur was retired on 30th June, 2023.



Shri Dashrath Sampath Raut, Skilled Supporting Staff, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur was retired on 30th June, 2023.





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