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57th Institute Management Committee Meeting

The 57th Institute Management Committee Meeting was held on 4th January, 2024 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur. The meeting was attended by Dr. Devendra Kumar Yadava, ADG (CC), New Delhi; Dr. G. Ravindra Chary, PC, CRIDA, Hyderabad; Dr. S. Manickam, PS, Regional Station, Coimbatore; Dr. S. K. Ray, I/c Head,



NBSS&LUP Regional Station, Kolkata; Dr. RN Sahoo, PS, Division of Agriculture Physics, IARI, New Delhi; Shri Srirang Devba Laad and Shri H. Murthy (Progressive Farmers - nominated by Council); and CICR invited members: Dr. GT Behere, Dr. AS Tayde, Dr. G. Balasubramani, Dr. KP Raghavendra and Member Secretary, Mr. AA Goswami, Chief Administrative Officer.

At the outset Mr. AA Goswami, Chief Administrative Officer & Member Secretary (IMC) welcomed Chairman, IMC members and other invited members. The Chairman, Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur in his introductory remarks briefed about the significance of the IMC meeting. The meeting ended with vote of thanks proposed by Mr. AA Goswami.

NePPA Review Meeting

A NePPA Review Meeting was organized under the Chairmanship of Dr A Bandopadhyay, TAC, NePPA on 04th January 2024 at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur. The following members participated and discussed about the progress of activities under the project: Dr Y. G. Prasad Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, Dr R N Sahoo PI of NePPA project, and the scientists of ICAR-CICR from Nagpur, Sirsa and Coimbatore.

Germplasm Field Day for Public-Private Partnership

ICAR-CICR, Nagpur organized a "Cotton Germplasm Field Day" at Panjari farm on 5th January, 2024. Dr. C. D. Mayee, Ex-Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi graced the occasion as Chief Guest and informed about the importance of Public-Private Partnership in germplasm exchange needed for diversification of Genetic base of Cotton. Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR briefed about the cotton



germplasm collection, their utilisation in diversification of genetic base for developing hybrids/ varieties to increase the productivity of cotton in India. Dr V.N. Waghmare, Head, Division of Crop Improvement emphasized on feedback on germplasm utilization. The objective of the programme was to showcase the diversity in the cotton gene-pool and to facilitate Public-Private Partnership for cotton germplasm exchange as presented by Dr. Vinita Gotmare, Principal Scientist & Germplasm Curator. About 56 breeders representing 37 State Agricultural Universities, 19 Private Seed Companies and scientists from regional stations of CICR Coimbatore and Sirsa were invited in this event. Field visit was organised for all the participants to select the desired germplasm accessions for utilising in their breeding program. Dr. Sunil Mahajan, Principal Scientist, Dr. Saravanan, M, Senior Scientist; Dr. H B Kumbhalkar (STO) and team worked hard for the success of this event.



Director's interactive meeting with scientists of CICR, RS, Coimbatore

An interactive meeting of scientists CICR, RS, Coimbatore with Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur was organized on January 6, 2024. Dr. G.T. Behere, Head (Crop Protection), Dr. K. Velmourougane, Member Secretary,



QRT, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur and Head & all scientists of CICR, RS, Coimbatore have participated in the meeting.

Meeting of Quinquennial Review Team (QRT)

A meeting of Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) (2018-2023) of CICR, RS, Coimbatore was conducted on January 6, 2024 under the chairmanship of Dr. B. Venkateswaralu, Former VC, VNMKV, Parbhani. The other members of QRT team: Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, Dr. A. J. Shaikh, Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Dr. D. Monga, Dr. N.T. Yaduraju, Dr. S. S. Patil and Dr. G.T. Behere, Dr. K. Velmourougane, Member Secretary, QRT, and a Special guest Dr. M. V. Venugopalan, retired Principal Scientist, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur. Dr. A. H. Prakash, Head, CICR, RS, Coimbatore presented historical background of the institute, current cotton cultivating areas and the salient achievements of institute based on theme wise projects. The chairman and members of QRT interacted with the scientists on the theme wise projects. All the members gave their remarks and suggestions accordingly. The in house discussion was followed by field visits to: ICAR- Bt cotton trial, Wireless smart trap for automated monitoring of Lepidopterous pests, Agro techniques for overcoming weather aberrations like drought and water logging, Sustainable Intensification of Extra Long Staple Cotton Production in South Zone, ICAR-Network Project on Precision Agriculture: sensor



based irrigation, Demonstration plot with released varieties (Suraksha, Subiksha & CICR H Cotton 54) and technologies (Drip, polymulching, HDPS, biopesticide formulation & wireless smart trap) and Drones & machineries, etc.



Stakeholders' interaction meeting

Interactive meeting of cotton stakeholders with QRT team and Director, CICR, Nagpur, Head and all scientists of regional station Coimbatore was held on January 6, 2024. The QRT chairman, Dr. B. Venkateswarlu asked the stakeholders from industry and farmers about their expectation from ICAR-CICR.

Drs. M. Asha Rani, Secretary, SIMA-CDRA, S. Lakshmi Subramaniyan, COE-Medical Textiles, SITRA, Mr. A. Lakshmanan, MD-Shantilakshmi Mills, Dr. Prakash, Cotton Corporation of India, Dr. A. Subramanian, Professor & Head,



Department of Cotton, TNAU, Coimbatore, Mr. Thiagarajan, Head, Regional Station, CIRCOT, Coimbatore and farmers namely Mr. S. Pattiyappan, Mr. R. Karuppusamy, Mr. K. Kanagaraj, Mr. K. Nagarathinam and Mr. A. Venkatachalam participated in the interaction meeting and gave their inputs. After interacting with stakeholders and farmers, the chairman and the members of QRT concluded the session by promising to cater to the needs of the industry and farmers through demand driven research and by recommending constructive policy changes to the government.

AICRP review meeting

AICRP review meeting was held on January 7, 2024 with the introductory remarks by Dr. B. Venkateswarlu, Chairman, QRT. The Head of all centres namely Dharwad, Raichur, Chamarajanagar, Guntur, Nandyal, Warangal, Coimbatore and Srivilliputhur had briefly presented about the achievements of the centre for the period of five years (2018-2023) followed by the suggestions and remarks by QRT team members namely Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, Dr. A. J. Shaikh, Dr. Chandish R. Ballal, Dr. D. Monga, Dr. N.T. Yaduraju, Dr. S. S. Patil and Dr. G.T. Behere. The chairman suggested the heads of all centres to address the main issues in the respective zone and focus mainly for the futuristic programmes in cotton.



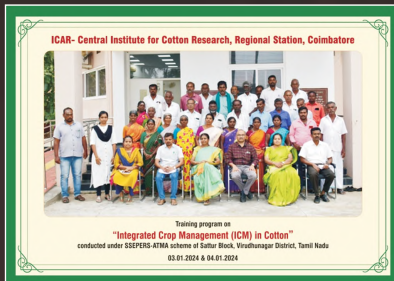
Republic Day Celebration

The 75th Republic Day was celebrated on January 26, 2023 at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur. National flag was hoisted and Republic Day address was given by Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur. All the staff members of this institute participated in the programme. Simultaneously, National flag was hoisted and address was given by Dr. A. H. Prakash, Head, CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore and Dr. Rishi Kumar, Head, CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa



Farmers' Training

A training programme for thirty five cotton farmers from Sattur Block of Virudhunagar District under SSEPERS-ATMA scheme of Tamil Nadu was conducted during January 3-4, 2024 at ICAR-CICR, RS Coimbatore. Dr. A. H. Prakash, Head acted as the convener, and Dr. S. Usha Rani, Principal Scientist, and Dr. D. Kanjana Senior Scientist acted as Co-convener. The scientists from various disciplines delivered lectures to the farmers followed by the field visits.



On January 22-24, 2024, 36 cotton farmers from Thiyaga Duruagam Block, Kallakurichi District participated in a training program sponsored by the Tamil Nadu SSEPERS-ATMA initiative. Dr. S. Usha Rani, Principal Scientist, and Dr. Manivannan, Senior Scientist, served as co-conveners, with Dr. A.H. Prakash, Head, serving as convener. The technical sessions were followed by field visits.



Thirty two Cotton growers from Thiyagaduruagam Block in Kallakurichi District took part in a training course funded by the Tamil Nadu SSEPERS-ATMA initiative on January 22-24, 2024. Principal Scientist Dr. S. Usha Rani and Senior Scientist Dr. Manivannan were co-conveners, while Head Dr. A.H. Prakash was the convener. The farmers attended a technical session and field visits.



CCI – CICR extension pilot project farmers meet

Clean Cotton Picking inputs were distributed under CCI – CICR extension pilot project to the farmers from Vadaputhur village, Kinathukadavu block, Coimbatore district by the Head of the CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore on January 8, 2024.



Training cum awareness program

A training cum awareness program was conducted on Cotton Fiber Quality, Clean Cotton Picking and crop residue management jointly organized by ICAR-CIRCOT, Mumbai and ICAR – CICR, RS, Coimbatore under CCI – CICR extension pilot project on January 9, 2024 Vellamadai village and on January 10, 2024 at Vadaputhur village of Coimbatore District. Scientists from CICR RS took part in the programme and delivered the lectures.



One Day “Farmers Training on Integrated Cotton Technology

ICAR-CICR, Nagpur organised One Day “Farmers Training on Integrated Cotton Technology under CCI pilot project on 12th January, 2024 in Chargaon village, Talulka-Umred, District-Nagpur. The farmers were guided on integrated cotton production technologies and distributed the leaflets on safe handling of pesticides, pests and disease management in cotton. Dr. Dipak T. Nagrale, the coordinator of the program explained the



various activities and objectives of CCI pilot project for overall benefit of cotton farmers and interacted with them on integrated cotton production technologies devised by the institute. Dr. A. Manikandan briefed about the type of soils needed for growing quality cotton as well as their management with recommended doses of fertilizers. Dr. U.V. Galkate explained the importance of animal feeds and timely vaccination for cattle to enhance their health, and the significance of cotton by-products for animals. Dr. S. S. Patil, highlighted the infestation of the pink bollworm of cotton and its integrated management strategies. About 70 farmers were benefitted from the program. During the field visit, team of scientists explained about advantages of monopodial branch removal and de-topping of cotton at suitable stages for enhancing cotton production. Mr. Prashant Gaikwad (Agromet observer-KVK CICR), Abhishek Paturkar (YP- I IRM-PBW) and Mr. Sarang Shrirame (YP-I DAPST), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur assisted in farmer's registration and coordinated in the successful organization of the event.

Farmers' Training cum Kit Distribution Program

ICAR-CICR, Nagpur organised one day "Farmers' Training cum Input Distribution Program on 30th January, 2024 at village-Banera, Taluka-Parsoni, Dist.-Nagpur under DAPST/TSP scheme. During the program, vegetable seeds kit, Trichodermapowder formulation and Neem oil, along with leaflets on safe handling of pesticides, integrated

management of pink bollworm and diseases in cotton were distributed to the scheduled tribes (STs) farmers of the villages viz., Banera, Narhar, Ghatpendhari and Ammajuri in Parseoni taluka of Nagpur district. Dr. Dipak T. Nagrale, coordinator of the training programme explained the objectives of centrally sponsored development action plan for scheduled tribes (DAPST) scheme for ST's farmers and explained in brief about the importance of seed and seedling treatment, integrated pests and disease management of cotton and paddy crops. Mr. Sujit Kumbhare explains the integrated management practices in sucking pest complex in cotton. Mr. Sarang Shrirame (DAPST/TSP YP-I), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur assisted in farmers registration and co-ordinated in the success of the program. Total 30 scheduled tribe (ST's) farmers benefitted from this program.



Training program on HDPS

A training program on HDPS in cotton was organized at Muththuramalingapuram village of Tiruchuli block Virudhunagar District on January 30, 2024 under CCI – CICR extension pilot project. Scientists from CICR, RS took part in the programme and delivered lectures.



HDPS in cotton training program was organised at Narththampatti village of Tiruchuli block Virudhunagar District on January 31, 2024 under CCI – CICR extension pilot project. Scientists from CICR, RS took part in the programme and delivered lectures.



Director's participation in Meetings/Webinars

- Dr Y G Prasad Director, ICAR-CICR Nagpur attended the Meeting on price policy for kharif crops 2024-25 marketing cotton under the chairmanship of Chairman, CACP on 18th January, 2024 at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi organized by commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, MoA & FW, GoI, New Delhi
- Dr Y G Prasad Director, ICAR-CICR Nagpur attended Zoom Meeting of Committee for certification of Technology/ technique/ product/ model/policy etc. on 22nd January 2024. All HoDs, Dr Balasubramani, Dr. Vinita Gotmare participated along with Director.

- Dr Y G Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR Nagpur attended virtual meeting to review the progress of implementation of eHRMS-2.0 in ICAR on 24.01.2024. SAO/FAO/I/c Sections attended meeting along with Director ICAR-CICR.
- Dr Y G Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur attended meeting on technological collaboration between Argentina and India in sustainable, environment friendly and innovative practices in cotton production on 24 January, 2024 organized by Textile Commissioner, Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Mumbai at Nishtha Bhawan, Marine Lines, Mumbai.
- Attended the NABARD proposal meeting and discussed NABARD proposal and fiber quality issues related to AICRP on cotton with Director, CIRCOT and PI Fibre quality on 24 January, 2024 at CIRCOT, Mumbai.
- Dr Y G Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR participated in the Entomological Society of India Zoom meeting on 25.01.2024 to discuss the agenda items of the meeting ESC-2024 & National Conference on "Recent advances in productive insects in tandem with income".

Retirements/ Transfers and New joining

The "SRC" organized a farewell programme for Mr. A. A. Goswami Chief Administrative Officer, ICAR-CICR Nagpur in view of his Superannuation from ICAR Service on 31st January, 2024. All the staff members of this institute attend the Programme.

Mr. Rakesh Kumar Jatav, Senior Administrative Officer joined at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on 31st January, 2024.





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