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## Vigilance Awareness Week

To observe vigilance awareness week (October 27 to November 1, 2014) declared by the Central Vigilance Commission, pledge was administered to all the CICR staff members on October 27, 2014 by Dr. D. Blaise, Head, Crop Production Division and In charge Director, at CICR, Nagpur and by respective regional Station Head at CICR, RS, Sirsa and RS, Coimbatore. All the staff members participated in the ceremony and pledged to work unstintingly for eradication of corruption in all spheres of life, promised to remain vigilant and work towards the growth and reputation of the organization, bring pride to the organization and provide value based service to the countrymen. Everyone promised to do their duty conscientiously and act without fear or favour.



## National Unity Day



To observe Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day) declared by Shri. Narendra Modi, Honorable Prime minister of India, the pledge was administered to all the CICR staff members on October 31, 2014 by Dr. D. Blaise, Head, Crop Production Division and In charge Director, at CICR, Nagpur and the respective Heads, at CICR, RS, Sirsa and RS, Coimbatore. All the staff members participated in the ceremony and solemnly pledged to dedicate themselves to preserve the unity, integrity and security of the nation. Everyone took pledge in the spirit of unification of the country and solemnly resolved to contribute to ensure the internal security of the country. After the ceremony, National Anthem was sung by the gathering.

## National Unity Day

Shri. Dushrath. D. Kothe, Technical Officer (Electrician) was given warm farewell on his superannuation day on 31/10/2014. Dr. D. Blaise, Head, Crop Production Division and Incharge Director, CICR, Nagpur felicitated Shri. Kothe on the occasion. All the Staff members were present.



## ISO Audit

ISO stage II Audit was held at CICR, Nagpur from October 30, 2014 to November 1, 2014. The Auditors inspected all the labs of the Institute and provided their suggestions. They also visited the fields of the institute.

### U.S. approves first genetically modified potato for commercial planting

The Agriculture Department on Nov.7,2014 approved the first genetically modified potato for commercial planting in the United States which is likely to draw the anger of groups opposed to genetically modified food crops. The Innate potato, developed by the J.R. Simplot Co., is engineered to contain less of a suspected human carcinogen that occurs when a conventional potato is fried, and is also less prone to bruising during transport. The submission was also reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Food and Drug Administration. Field trials of the potato were conducted from 2009 through 2011 in eight states — Florida, Indiana, Idaho, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, Washington and Wisconsin.

The potential for human benefits — a lower cancer risk for consumers — was among the positives cited in public comments. APHIS said it has received hundreds of submissions from individuals or groups about Simplot's potato during a public comment period.

#### Reference and Image Source

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