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## Annual Group Meet of AICRP on Cotton (2014-15)

The Annual Group meeting of ICAR- All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Cotton was organized jointly by Central Institute for Cotton Research and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore during 8-10<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.

The meeting was attended by nearly 300 delegates representing ICAR, SAUs and Private Sector R & D involved in cotton research. The meeting was formally inaugurated by Hon'ble Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan, Assistant Director General (Commercial Crops), ICAR, New Delhi who also delivered the Presidential Address. The dignitaries who graced the occasion were Dr. C.D. Mayee, Former Chairman, ASRB, New Delhi, Dr. V. Santhanam, Former FAO consultant, Dr. K.R Kranthi, Director, CICR, Nagpur, Dr. P.G. Patil, Director, CIRCOT and Dr. M. Ramasamy, MD, M/s. Rasi Seeds, Attur. Dr. K. Ramaswamy, Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, TNAU delivered the keynote address during the occasion. Dr. A. H. Prakash, Project Coordinator (Cotton) presented the Annual report for the year 2014-15. The Annual report of the project in the form of book and CD were released by the chief guest. The founder Project Coordinator of AICRP on Cotton was also felicitated during the inaugural session.

This was followed by Public Private Partnership discussion chaired by Dr. C.D. Mayee and Co-Chaired by Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan. The important issues on evaluation for Bt cotton hybrids for tolerance to CLCuD under North zone, Refugee in Bag concept and other related issues were discussed. During the three days of the meet, concurrent sessions of different groups comprising crop improvement, crop production and crop protection were held, wherein the results were discussed and technical programme for the year 2015-16 were formulated. Session on Transfer of Technology was held on April 10, 2015 and. 650 demonstrations in cotton were planned accordingly.

In the plenary session, the technical programme for the year 2015-16 finalized in different groups was presented by the concerned Principal Investigators and finalized after thorough discussion. The group meet concluded with the vote of thanks proposed by Dr. A. H. Prakash, Project Coordinator (Cotton Improvement).



Dr V. Santhanam, Retd. FAO Consultant, addressing the cotton scientists



Release of Annual Report (2014-15) of AICRP on Cotton by the dignitaries



Dr N. Gopalakrishnan delivering the Presidential Address during the Meet



Dr K. Ramaswamy, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore delivering the Key Note Address during the AGM 2015



Dr K.R. Kranthi, Director, CICR, Nagpur being honoured by Dr K. Ganesamurthy, Director, Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics, TNAU



Lighting of the Lamp during the Inaugural function of AGM -2015

### New Scientists joined CICR, Nagpur



Mr. Prabhulinga T. joined as Scientist (Agricultural Entomology) and Dr. Savitha Santosh as Scientist (Agricultural Microbiology) at CICR Nagpur on April 10, 2015.



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