



## Shri. Sanjay Dhotre, Hon'ble Member of Parliament visited ICAR-CICR, RS, Coimbatore

Shri. Sanjay Dhotre, Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha member from Akola, Maharashtra State) visited ICAR-CICR Regional Station, Coimbatore on August 23, 2016. Shri. Dhotreji was given a warm and hearty welcome and was informed of various R&D activities being undertaken at the Regional Station by Dr. A.H. Prakash, PC (Cotton) & Head and Dr. N. Gopalakrishnan, Principal Scientist (Biochemistry).

The Hon'ble Member of Parliament was apprised of the newer aspects of cotton research being carried out by ICAR-CICR, especially HDPS, Marker assisted breeding, Integrated water and weed management, Insecticide Resistance Management, newer Bt cotton genotypes etc. Shri. Dhotreji was appreciative of the work and output by ICAR-CICR, Nagpur and its Regional Stations and stressed on the need for lowering cost of cotton cultivation, use of newer techniques in enhancing yield of rainfed cotton besides tackling the menace of emerging insect pests and diseases.



## CICR RS, Coimbatore Participated in Kisan Mela at SBI, Coimbatore

CICR, Regional station, Coimbatore participated and exhibited a stall for the Kisan Mela during August 26-27, 2016 at Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore. The CICR Stall showcased the activities and achievements of CICR. Sugarcane and Cotton farmers gathered in large numbers and visited the stall and learnt about CICR achievements and technologies. Honourable Vice - Chancellor, TNAU visited the stall. Dr. P. Nalayini, Principal Scientist (Agronomy) acted as convener and Dr. R. Raja, Principal Scientist, Dr. K. Rameash, Senior Scientist, Dr. M. Amutha, Scientist, Dr. D. Kanjana, Scientist, Mr. S. Sathyakumar, Senior Technical Officer, Mr. Homaj Ratnakar Mundafale, Technical Assistant, Mr. A. Karuppasamy, SRF and Mr. W Samuel Kirubakaran, SRF participated actively as members and explained the visitors about important role played by CICR Regional station for the cotton basket of India.



## Swachhta Campaign organised at CICR, RS, Coimbatore

As a part of Swachhta Campaign, Swachhta Shapath was taken by all the staff of CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore on October 2, 2016. Dr. A.H. Prakash, Project Coordinator & Head explained the importance of Swachhta and the Campaign being carried out by our Honourable Prime Minister. He also stressed the importance of cleanliness in and around us. Dr. K. Rathinavel, Principal Scientist explained the tentative activities to be carried out during the Swachhta Campaign. Later Mrs. Sundarvalli M. Kumar administered the Swachhta oath.



## Monitoring of AICRP on Cotton Trials

For monitoring of AICRP on Cotton trials in the Central Zone States of Maharashtra and Odisha, the following team has been constituted by ICAR.

1. Dr. S. Manickam - Principal Investigator (Plant Breeding)- Chairman
2. Dr. R. A. Meena - ICAR-CICR, Sirsa - Member (Crop Production)
3. Dr. K. K. Dahiya - CCSHAU, Hisar - Member (Entomology)
4. Dr. J. Beniwal - CCSHAU, Hisar - Member (Pathology)



The team visited various centres of AICRP on Cotton as per the details given below.

- 03-10-16: OUAT, Bhawanipatna
- 04-10-16: ICAR-CICR, Nagpur
- 05-10-16: PDKV, Akola
- 06-10-16: VNMKV, Nanded and Parbhani
- 07-10-16: M/s. Mahyco Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Jalna
- 08-10-16: M/s. Ajeet Seeds, Gangapur
- 09-10-16: MPKV, Rahuri and Pune



## Superannuation

Mrs S. Nagarathinam, Skilled Supporting Staff of CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore superannuated on November 30, 2016. A farewell function was organised on November 30, 2016 in this regard. CICR wishes her a happy retired life.



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