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## NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INNOVATIONS IN AGRI-BIOSCIENCES (NCIABS-2016)



A two day, UGC sponsored National Conference on INNOVATIONS IN AGRI-BIOSCIENCES-NCIABS-2016 was organized by Department of Botany, Biotechnology and Biotechnology, Dr. Ambedkar College jointly in association with ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur and Indian Science Congress Association, Nagpur Chapter at Dr. Ambedkar College, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur on 26-27th February, 2016. The conference was inaugurated at the hands of Bhante Arya Nagarjun Shurei Sasai, Hon. President, Param Pujya Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Smarak Samiti, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur. On the occasion Shri Sadanandji Fulzele, Hon. Secretary, Param Pujya Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Smarak Samiti, Deekshabhoomi, Nagpur; Dr. Renne Borges, Chairperson, Centre for Ecological Studies, IISC, Bangaluru; Dr. S. A. Nimbalkar, Hon. Ex. Vice Chancellor, PDKV, Akola; Shri Dadaji Khobragade, Inventor Farmer - HMT Rice Variety; Dr. Keshav Kranthi, Director, ICAR, Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur; Dr. Sudhamoy Mandal, Fubright Scholar and Principal Scientist, (ICAR-IIHR), Bhubaneswar; Dr. Alka Chaturvedi, Convener, Indian Science Congress Association, Nagpur Chapter; Dr. P. C. Pawar, Principal, DACN; Dr. Mrs K. M Reddy, Director (College Development), Dr. Arun Joseph, Registrar, Dr. D. Begde and Prof. Subhash Somkuwar, Organising Secretary of the Conference & Head Department of Botany were graced the dais. Dr. K. R. Kranthi, Director, ICAR-CICR in his address said that the agriculture scientists have much better approaches that can be helpful to find different problems in agriculture as well as bio-sciences. The core area should be the 'farmers' as this needs a priority above all. Agriculture sciences serve a much better and higher purpose than any other sciences in the world and cited example of Mr. Dadaji Khobragade who invented HMT rice variety without any sophisticated laboratory. He said that agriculture sciences should adapt the new technologies but we should be careful where to deploy them. He emphasized that scientists should bear the responsibility to lead the country ahead in course of time. Dr. G. Balasubramani, Principal Scientist (Biotechnology), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur also delivered a lead lecture on "GMO to society- Boon or Bane?" on 27th February, 2016. Around 08 technical sessions and 146 posters and 12 best oral presentations were carried out during the 2 days conference. The college has also hosted 12 display stalls for various agri-related processes, machinery from different National Research Centre and other research avenues.

Dr. S. B. Nandeshwar, Principal Scientist & Head (Biotechnology section) and Dr. S. M. Wasnik, Principal Scientist (Agri. Extension) were part of the evaluation committee for the poster and oral presentations. On this occasion review award was presented to Mr. Joy Das, Scientist (Biotechnology), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur for best oral presentation.



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