



Visit of PMC to ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore

The Project Monitoring and Evaluation Committee Chaired by Dr. K.R. Kranthi, Chairman & Director CICR, Nagpur; consisting of Dr. M.V. Venugopalan, Expert Crop Production, Principal Scientist (Agronomy) & Head, PME Cell; Dr. (Mrs) Suman Bala Singh, Head and Expert Crop Improvement reviewed the on-going research projects at CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore during 12-13, January 2016. All the Scientist of the regional station presented the research findings of on-going projects. The committee visited and reviewed the experimental fields at new research farm on 12th January 2016 and interacted with the Scientists on the progress of work against the objectives outlined in the projects. On 13th January 2016, the committee reviewed the experiments conducted at the main farm. At the end, the vote of thanks was proposed by Dr. S. Usha Rani, Senior Scientist.

New Year 2016 Celebrations at CICR

ICAR-CICR celebrated New Year 2016 on 1st January on the lawns of CICR campus. Dr. K.R. Kranthi, Director presided over the function. Various competitions like Poetry, different interesting games, show your expressions were conducted by Dr. G. Balasubramani, Principal Scientist, Biotechnology. A special musical programme was given by Dr. Shailash Gawande, Scientist, Plant Pathology and Mr. Joy Das, Scientist, Biotechnology. Prizes were given to winners by Director and Heads of Divisions on this occasion. Dr Nandeshwar, Dr Wasnik and Dr Vijaya Kumari acted as the Judges for the events. All the Scientists, administrative, technical, supporting and other staff attended the function. Dr. G. Balasubramani proposed vote of thanks.





Soil Health Awareness Training Organised under “Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav”

Under ‘Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav,’ programme, a team of ICAR - CICR Nagpur Scientists, Dr. D.V. Patil, Senior Scientist (Plant Breeding), Dr. Sunil S. Mahajan, Senior Scientist (Seed Technology) and Dr. Annie Sheeba, Scientist (Plant Physiology) visited Navegaon cluster area (villages: Navegaon (Sadhu), Tirkhura, Karhandla, Thana and Sev) in Umred tehsil on 11.01.2016 and organized a group meeting on soil health awareness in collaborations with State Agriculture Department. Training cum demonstration training was imparted to around 36 farmers at Gram Panchayat, Sev on collections of soil samples from the fields for soil testing and preparing soil health cards. It was noted that farming in Navegaon cluster is rainfed and depends totally on rainfall, very few farmers reported irrigation facilities and that too used during off-season for vegetable cultivation with availability of limited electricity. The farmers, therefore, reluctant to practice farming during rabi and summer seasons. The cluster is surrounded by Tiger Reserve Project at Karandala. The farmers in the region faced problems like wild animals i.e. wild boar, tiger, blue bull and deer in the area which causes huge damage to the crops. The farmers were advised to protect the crops from wild animals by fencing with iron wires and old sarees. State Agricultural Department officials, Mr. Anil Fulzele, Circle Agril. Officer, Mr. Raju Jasutkar, Agriculture Supervisor, Arun Harode, Agriculture Assistant, Navegaon Sadhu and Thana, Mr. Shantaram Barapatre, Agriculture Assistant, Sev, Karandala and Tirkhura also attended the farmer’s queries. They were also provided information on cultivation packages, flower drop and its management in pigeon pea; summer Mung bean cultivation, varieties and availability of seed and SRI system of paddy cultivation. Team visited farmer’s field and advised to manage the Churda Murda disease in chili, pest management in brinjal and preservation and cultivation of local cultivars of tomato.



Science Expo 2016

Raman Science Centre, Nagpur organizes Science Expo - An interface of Science & Society every year for the public to showcase technologies developed by different research organization in Nagpur. Total 12 R&D institutions were participated including ICAR-CICR, Nagpur. The 5th year of Science Expo scheduled from 9-13, Jan 2016 was participated by CICR and displayed live materials, models and posters of different technologies developed in the recent past especially Suction Trap for Whitefly, Cotton harvester with pre-cleaner, Solar power sprayer, new pests of cotton, Desi- Cernum cotton, colour cotton, tissue culture techniques, Bt-kits, types of cotton bollworms, e - Kapas, etc. The ITMU team exhibited all the technologies and explained to the students and public on all the 5-days.



Other activities

Dr. Nandini Gokte - Narkhedkar, Principal Scientist, Nematology delivered lecture titled 'Nematode problems in vegetable crops and their management' on Jan. 13, 2016 at Season Long Training Programme on Vegetables organized at Central Integrated Pest Management center, Nagpur.



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