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Workshop on Sharing Learning Experience on Innovative Cotton Production Technology Organized at CICR Regional Station, Sirsa

A one day workshop on “Sharing learning experience on innovative cotton production technology” was jointly organized by ICAR- Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI) and ICAR- Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR)- Regional Station on 5th November 2016 at ICAR-CICR Regional Station Sirsa. Dr. Rajvir Singh, Director-ATARI; Dr. RS Sidhu, Director Extension Education (DEE), PAU Ludhiana, Dr. PL Nehra, Director Extension Education (DEE) SKRAU, Bikaner, Dr. Askok Dhawan, Adjunct Professor & Member RAC, CICR, Dr. Dilip Monga, Head CICR-RS, Dr. Bhuttar, Additional Director Extension Education (ADEE), Senior Coordinators and Scientists of KVKs, CICR-RS and the farmers from Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab actively participated in the workshop.

Dr. D. Monga, Head CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa delivered the talk on “Cotton scenario & highlights of the CICR-Regional Station”. Dr. Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist (Entomology) delivered a lecture on “innovative cotton production technologies”. He explained the research works being done and technologies developed by CICR in his talk i.e. monitoring and management strategies for whitefly and the benefits of pesticides resistance monitoring work on the boll worms, sucking pests, safer pest management options as pesticide holidays like YST, biopesticides including neem, fungal entomopathogens, effect of new chemical pesticides at right stage of whitefly, high yielding varieties like CICR-1, CICR-2, CICR-3, CSH 3075 and CSH 3129, etc. Dr. Rajveer Singh, Director-ATARI in his opening remarks appreciated the monitoring & whitefly management work done by KVKs

under the supervision of CICR, PAU, SKRAU, and CCSHAU. Dr. Sidhu, DEE, PAU emphasized the collaborative monitoring & management work done by all the ground level personnel's from KVKs and state agricultural department staff and raised some issues which should be sorted out through future R&D work i.e. increase in cotton area as an alternative to paddy crop, yield stability maintenance in cotton varieties/hybrids, addressing plant protection aspects in HDPS, mechanical picking as well as labour employment issues. Dr. Nehra, DEE, SKRAU, Bikaner stressed the role of continuous monitoring and timely actions taken for management of whitefly including sowing time, timely irrigation, proper plant stand, clean cultivation through timely use of proper herbicides, use of neem based pesticides & new chemicals etc. The KVK I/C and farmers from Punjab, Rajasthan, and Haryana also shared their views and experiences. At the end of workshop the Dr. Dhawan in his concluding remarks, emphasizes for management of whitefly in other crops which are providing shelter to cotton whitefly, growing refugia, regular pesticides monitoring for bollworm as well as sucking pests, discovery of new biopesticides and ecofriendly alternatives for IPM/IRM and need for improvement in data quality. The workshop was concluded with the field visit in which officials and farmers were taken to the CICR-RS demonstration plots. They were exposed to HDPS system and the promising cotton varieties and hybrids developed by CICR.



Monitoring of AICRP on Cotton Trials

Dr. D. Monga and Dr S. K.Verma conducted the monitoring of cotton trials laid out under All India Coordinated Research Project on Cotton in South Zone from 23rd Nov, 2016 to 3rd Dec, 2016. During their visit they monitored cotton trials at Dharwad, Raichur and Chamrajnagar in Karnataka; Guntur and Nadyal in Andhra Pradesh and Coimbatore, Srivilliputur and Paramblur in Tamil Nadu.

Meetings attended

Dr. K. R. Kranthi, Director, ICAR-CICR attended Brain Storming Session on Cotton on the occasion of AICRP – Golden Jubilee Celebration (Fifty years of cotton Research – Lessons Learnt and the way forward) during 9-10 November, 2016 at ICAR-CICR Regional Station, Coimbatore and Participated as Panellist for Session II and V and also participated in the Plenary Session, Chaired by Dr. T. Mohapatra, Hon'ble Director General, ICAR & Secretary, DARE.

Dr. K. R. Kranthi, Director, ICAR-CICR Participated in the Annual Conference 2016 of International Textile Manufacturers Federation (ITMF) and delivered a lecture on cotton in Fiber session at Jaipur, on November, 17, 2016.



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