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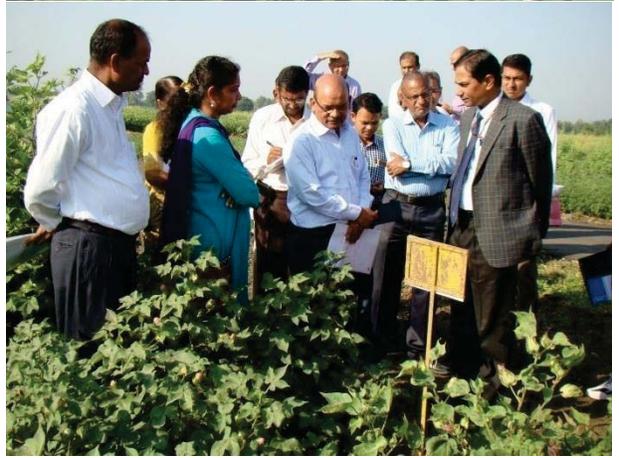
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## Dr Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary DARE & Director General ICAR, New Delhi visited CICR, Nagpur

Secretary, DARE & Director General ICAR, New Delhi Hon Dr Trilochan Mohapatra visited CICR, Nagpur on 27th October 2016. On the occasion CICR research activities were showcased and explained to Hon DG. He was taken to polyhouses, wild germplasm conservatory, experimental fields, and laboratories. He discussed various research activities with individual scientists. Addressing to all the staff members Hon DG urged for proper maintenance of the campus, generation of 20% revenue, implementation of Govt. schemes like MGGM in right spirit, development of mobile app in local languages. He urged everybody to cultivate and promote science. He emphasized capitalizing strength and helping farmers to minimize the sorrow. He advocated the feeling of working for the country. Earlier, Farmers Training Hostel was inaugurated at the hand of Hon DG. Director CICR felicitated Hon'ble Director General on the occasion.







## Newspapers clipping

Times of India 28 October 2016

# Double income for successful farming, says ICAR chief

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**MAKING FARMING SUCCESSFUL**

**Nagpur:** "The Country will not be able to progress in its true form unless farmers' income is doubled, and that can be achieved by bringing breakthrough technologies to farmers and reducing the cost of cultivation," stated Trilochan Mohapatra, director general of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) during his maiden visit to the city today.

Mohapatra told TOI that with proper mechanization in the process of cultivation, processing and value addition to farm produce can play a very big role in changing the scenario of agriculture in the country. "Besides, awareness about the market among farmers will also help," he further added.

He inaugurated a farmers' hostel at the Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) and

- Use of modern technology, genomics tools, precision agriculture and mechanization for yield increase
- Making mechanization tools available at subsidized rates
- Integrating farming with animal rearing, fisheries, poultry etc
- Developing climate resilient varieties and technologies
- Switching to micro-irrigation
- Carrying out inter-cropping with horticultural crops
- Making all crops environmentally and economically sustainable
- Adding value through post-harvest technologies to all produce
- Creating market awareness and e-market for farmers

laid the foundation stone for a 25-room farmers' hostel at the Central Citrus Research Institute (CCRI). He also visited the National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning (NBSS&LUP) and Ginning Training Centre (GTC) of Central Institute for Research in Cotton Technology (CIRCOT).

ICAR chief also said that diversification was the key to successful agriculture. "Improving diagnostics for detecting diseases and developing vaccines in farm animals was the need of the hour," he added.

There was a need for the climate resilient varieties of all crop types. Farmers must have access to good quality seeds as well as planting the material in case of the other horticultural crops. Misuse of fertilizers and those of the conventional irrigation ways has had worst effect on the agriculture and hence water saving technologies like drip were being propagated for even water intensive crops like rice, he added.

The DG told scientists of the CICR to prepare a proper strategy to popularize desi as well as American cotton varieties among the farmers so they could produce their own seeds.



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