



CICR Participates in Exhibition Youth Empowerment Summit 2016

Team of scientists, officers and technical staff of ICAR - Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur participated in exhibition 'Youth Empowerment Summit' organized by Fortune Foundation during 30th January to 1st February, 2016 at Mankapur Sport Complex, Koradi Road, Nagpur, Maharashtra.

The concept Youth Empowerment Summit was to Start Up India and Stand Up India which focuses on employment generation opportunities in agriculture, food, textile, engineering, medical, nursing, hotel management, aviation, transport, sanitary and other industries for young generation. In addition urban youths around 150 farmers also visited CICR stall. Dr. D.V. Patil, Senior Scientist (Plant Breeding), Dr. Manikandan, Dr. Chinnababu Naik, Dr. Raghvendra, Dr. S.S. Patil, Smt. Sunita Chauhan, Dr. P. B. Deolkar, R.V. Salame and G.V. Devgirikar explained the visitors regarding CICR technologies: colour cotton, non absorbent cotton, mechanized – fertilizer- cum -seed drills, mechanized picking, Bt – II detection kits, availability of cotton seeds and e-Kapas.

The farmers were more interested in the information pertaining to one time picking of cotton, marketing of coloured cotton and value added products from cotton. The farmers were also advised to adapt High Density Planting System (HDPS) with compact, short duration plant types and improved cultivars of cotton



International trainees of Kothari Agricultural Management Centre Visited to CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore

Two- month's course on "Agricultural Project Management" sponsored by Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India under the TCS Colombo Plan was organised at Kothari Agricultural Management Centre (KAMC), Coonoor, and The Nilgries for fourteen international trainees from six countries viz., Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia and Myanmar. The team also visited to ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore on 23.01.2016. They were apprised with the CICR activities. Dr A. Manivannan, Scientist (Plant Breeding and Genetics) spoke on 'Beneficial Agriculture for All with Special Reference to Cotton', Dr. S. Manickam, Principal Scientist (Plant Breeding and Genetics) delivered a lecture on 'Varieties and Hybrids Released from ICAR-CICR' and Dr (Mrs) S. Usha Rani, Senior Scientist (Agricultural Extension) spoke on 'The origin, activities and achievements of ICAR-CICR, Coimbatore'. Scientists also clarified the queries raised by the delegates on Bt cotton.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Jayanti Celebrated at CICR Nagpur

Scientists, officials, staff members and labourers of CICR Nagpur paid rich tributes to **Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj** on 19th February 2016 on occasion of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti



Meetings Attended

Dr. K. R. Kranthi, Director, ICAR-CICR attended a meeting on “**Infestation of Whitefly on Cotton Crop**” on 8th February, 2016 at National Centre for Integrated Pest Management (NCIPM), New Delhi.

Dr. K.R. Kranthi, Director, ICAR-CICR attended a one day workshop on “**Management of Pink Bollworm and Parawilt**” on 10th February, 2016 at Cotton Research Station, Nanded organised by Vasantro Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani (MS).

Talk delivered

Dr V. Chinna Babu Naik, Scientist (Entomology), Division of Crop Protection delivered talk on 11th February 2016 on Insect Pests Management on Cotton at GTC (CIRCOT) Nagpur

Superannuation

Shri. J. L. Dongre, Senior Technical Assistant (T- 5) and Smt. Girija L. Nagrare, Skilled Support Staff were accorded warm farewell on 29th February, 2016 on behalf of Staff Welfare Club. Dr. K. R. Kranthi, Director, ICAR-CICR, felicitated both of them on this occasion. All the Scientists, administrative, technical, supporting and other staff were present on the occasion.





Mr. L. Karuppaswamy, Skilled Supporting Staff and Mr. R. Sundarajan, TSL, ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore superannuated on February 29, 2016. They were given a warm farewell by CICR on February 29, 2016

Cotton Situation in 2015-16

State	Area	Production	Productivity
Punjab	4.50	6.50	340
Haryana	5.76	14.00	502
Rajasthan	4.47	14.90	609
NORTH ZONE	14.73	35.40	485
Gujarat	27.61	97.80	622
Maharashtra	3.27	71.25	342
Madhya Pradesh	5.47	17.00	559
CENTRAL ZONE	7.35	186.35	467
Telangana	16.94	57.40	582
Andhra Pradesh	6.63	19.10	641
Karnataka	6.12	18.90	556
Tamil Nadu	1.29	2.80	659
SOUTH ZONE	30.98	98.20	593
Odisha	1.25	3.95	544
Others	0.50	2.00	
TOTAL		325.90	
Loose cotton		26.10	
GRAND TOTAL	118.81	352.00	503

Source: Cotton Advisory Board as on 02.02.2016

Note : Area in lakh ha, Production lakh bales, Productivity kg/ha



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