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## Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Educational Institutions

ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur has signed MOU with Kamala Nehru Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur on 22nd March, 2016 at CICR, Nagpur.



## Water Awakening campaign for College students under 'Jal Jagruti Saptah'

ICAR- CICR Krishi Vigyan Kendra has organised a week long campaign from 16-22 march 2016 for College students of RTMNU, MS, under 'Jal Shivar Pheri'. The events like Poetry Recital, field visit having drip and sprinkler irrigation was organised on the occasion. The aim of the week was to reach out to people at large and spread the message using water with care and avoid wastage so that water reserve available lasts till the onset of next rains. More than 450 participants comprising College students of Nagpur, farmers, farm women, entire staff of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Taluka Agriculture Office of Umred, Kampti and Deputy Director ATMA, Panchyat samiti member of Umred and Kampthee were present on this occasion. On the Inauguration of Jal Jagruti saptah at ICAR-CICR- KVK, Nagpur Dr R. B. Singandhupe, Principal Scientist & Programme Coordinator stated that Jalyukat Shivar Abhiyan & farm pond scheme of Maharashtra is a rain water harvesting system will elevate the water level of that village. Hence more and more farmers should enrol their names for farm pond scheme and get subsidy for the establishment. It is also necessary to revive and rejuvenate rivers and water streams, constructing various types of dams, recharging shafts, tree plantation, improving agriculture through the use of desilted soil & increasing water percolation. This will naturally help farmers self sustainable and will eradicate farmers suicide. Sh. Jaikumar Verma , Zilla Parishad member , Nagpur has opined in his speech that micro-irrigation systems would be encouraged for proficient use of water and hence increasing the irrigated area. If this programme goes smoothly and result oriented, farmers from much hit area would be benefitted, and it shall increase the water level of villages which has lowered to 1000 ft. some places in Maharashtra. Smt Sunita Chauhan (SMS) , Dr. S. S. Patil,(SMS),Dr Ulhas Galkate (SMS) of Krishi Vigyan Kendra , Nagpur and Taluka Agriculture Officer Mr Pande and Umrer and Kamthee work very hard to make the programme successful.





## Meetings attended/ Participated

Dr. K.R. Kranthi, Director, ICAR-CICR attended the meeting “to develop *desi* varieties of cotton for textile industry” under the Chairmanship of Shri. Radha Mohan Singh, Hon’ble Union Agriculture Minister on 04<sup>th</sup> April, 2016 at 3.00 pm in the Hon’ble Agriculture Minister’s committee room.

Four scientists of CICR Dr MV Venugopalan, Dr SM Palve, Dr V Santhy and Dr VS Nagrare participated in the workshop organized by NGO ‘Solidaridad’ in association with another NGO ‘Better Cotton Initiative’ on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 at Sewagram, Wardha. About 40 persons across India participated in the workshop. Dr Venugopalan made presentation on cotton production aspects while Dr Nagrare on crop protection. Scientists answered queries raised by participants. The scientists also visited in adopted villages under “Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav” and interacted with the farmers.



Dr. Satish Kumar Sain, Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology), CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa delivered a lecture cum hands-on practical session on on-farm production of *Trichoderma* and *Pseudomonas* and a special lecture on whitefly management strategies in cotton on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 at KVK Sanagria, Rajasthan. A total of 45 progressive farmers and extension officials participated in this programme.





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