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## CICR Nagpur scientists of MGMG Hingna cluster monitored crop

The scientists team from ICAR-CICR, Nagpur comprising of Dr. Suman Bala Singh, Principal Scientist (Plant Breeding), Dr. Dipak Nagrale, Scientist (Plant Pathology), Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Scientist (Agri. Biotechnology) and Dr. Savitha Santosh, Scientist (Agri. Microbiology) visited the adopted villages (Mangli, Nandakhurad, Junewani, Salaimenda and Ukhadi) and adjoining cotton fields of Hingna cluster under CICR – Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav (MGMG) programme on 20th November 2017 to interact with farmers and to provide the required advise. The team also visited H-8 BGII cotton fields and monitored the crop condition and pest status. They discussed with the farmers regarding the condition of crops in general and cotton in particular. The condition of crop was good and the insect pests were below the ETL level. However, incidence of grey mildew (dahiya) disease was observed in many fields. One cotton field was suspected for growing HT cotton and the leaf samples were collected for confirming the trait authenticity through molecular techniques. In the same field, heavy infestation of mealy bug was also observed. Moderate incidence of mosaic viral disease on Brinjal and pod borer infestation on red gram was observed during field visits and advised recommended management practices.



## Cotton fields visited by team of scientists in Yavatmal, Wardha and Chandrapur districts

A survey on Cotton Pests was conducted on 13.10.17 by member team comprising of Dr Vinita Gotmare, Dr Manikandan, Dr Prabhulinga and Dr Chandrashekhar in Bhadravati & Warora Tehsils of Chandrapur district; Dr. D. V. Patil, Senior Scientist (Plant Breeding), Dr. Sunil Mahajan, Senior Scientist (Seed technology), Dr. Pooja Verma, Scientist (Biochemistry), Dr. Rachana Pandey, Scientist (Entomology) and Dr. Neelkanth Hiremani, Scientist (Pathology) in Arni taluk comprising Chikhali, Taroda, Mangur and Kothada villages in Yavatmal and the other team comprising of Dr.Punit Mohan, Dr.G.Balasubramani, Dr.Jayant Meshram and Mr.T.N.Madhu in Wardha, district and collected information on cotton pest situation, insecticide usage in relation to pesticide poisoning cases. The team of scientist visited cotton fields, interacted with farmers and farm labourers involved in spraying of insecticides and also met with families affected with insecticide poisoning.



## CICR participates in 9th Agrovision at Reshimbagh Ground, Nagpur

A stall showcasing the technologies of ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur was kept in the biggest Agriculture Summit of Central India during **10-13th November 2017 at Reshimbagh Ground, Nagpur- 9th Agrovision** most sought after event in the country. Many farmers, stakeholders, researchers and students benefited by institute's recommendations and advisories on good agricultural practices in cotton for improving cotton production.



**Meetings attended** Dr. V. N. Waghmare, Director (Acting), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur attended meeting of Special Investigation Team (SIT) held under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner (Revenue) at Amravati on 06.11.2017 in connection with death of farmers / farm labourers due to insecticide poisoning.

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