



Honourable Sh. Radha Mohan Singhji Visited CICR, Nagpur

Shri. Radha Mohan Singh, Hon. Union Minister of Agriculture and farmers welfare, Govt of India visited CICR on 4th June 2017. He visited farm and laboratories. He addressed CICR Staff and appreciated good work being done on developing cotton production & protection technologies and its dissemination to the farmers across country.



Workshop on “Management of Whitefly in Cotton” organized at ICAR-CICR, RS, Sirsa

The workshop on Management of Whitefly in Cotton through use of Eco friendly Interventions and Safer Insecticides” was organized on 16th June, 2017 at ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Regional Station, Sirsa. At the outset of the workshop Dr D. Monga, Head CICR, RS, Sirsa apprised the gathering about the genesis of the workshop where the detail about the announcement of the award by *United States India Educational Foundation (USIEF)* for the Fulbright alumnus was explained to the Agriculture Development Officers of the State Agriculture Department Haryana and the amount of the award released by the sponsoring authority (USIEF) to conduct the workshop was also discussed. The Deputy Director of Agriculture, District Sirsa (Haryana) Dr. Babulal also attended the opening ceremony of the workshop and advised the participants to utilize the expertise obtained during the workshop at farmer’s field. He also thanked USIEF for this award. Earlier, Dr Rishi Kumar welcomed the gathering and also discussed in detail about the whitefly and why this pest was selected for workshop. Dr Vijay Kumar, Senior Professor (Entomology) from Punjab Agricultural University Ludhiana delivered a talk on sampling protocol, identification and management aspects of whitefly. Dr D. Monga Head, CICR also delivered a talk on whitefly transmitted Cotton Leaf Curl Virus Disease. Dr Satish Sain, Senior Scientist (Plant pathology) discussed in detail about the other important diseases of cotton crop and spray technology for whitefly management. Dr. Rishi Kumar and Mr. Sandeep Kumar demonstrated the whitefly life stages, damage symptoms under field conditions to the participants. Total of 54 participants from State Agriculture Department of Haryana working at village level where cotton is major crop and whitefly as a pest is big problem in these villages participated in the workshop.



Meeting of Interstate Consultative Committee on Whitefly at Bathinda

Dr Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist (Entomology) attended the Second Interstate Consultative Committee meeting on whitefly management held at Kheti Bhawan, Bathinda under the chairmanship of Dr B. S. Dhillon, Vice Chancellor, PAU, Ludhiana. Dr N.S. Bains, Director of Research, Dr R. S. Sidhu, Director of Extension Education, PAU, Ludhiana, Dr B. S. Sidhu, Commissioner Agriculture, Dr. J.S. Bains, Director of Agriculture, Dr S. S. Siwach, Principal Scientist Cotton, Dr. R.S. Sangwan, Head Cotton Section, Dr. Roop Singh Meena, ARS Gangangar also attended the meeting. Chief Agriculture Officers of all 8 cotton growing Districts of Punjab presented information regarding total area sown; weed eradication program, survey and surveillance and other activities to be conducted in Punjab. Dr Rishi Kumar presented the survey and surveillance report of entire zone with respect to whitefly. The status of whitefly on weeds and early sown cotton crop was discussed in the meeting.

Meeting of the Committee Constituted for Varietal Release in Cotton

Dr. D. Monga, Head Central Institute for Cotton Research, Regional Station, Sirsa attended a Meeting of the standing committee to consider release of Bt. cotton hybrids / varieties in the Central Zone on 1st June, 2017 at 11:00 AM under the Chairmanship of Dr. J.S. Sandhu, Deputy Director General (Crop Science), ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi in the CACP Conference Room of the 2nd floor, F-Wing, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

International Yoga Day Celebrated at ICAR-CICR, RS, Sirsa on 21 st June, 2017

On the occasion of the international Yoga Day the programme was organized at ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Regional Station, Sirsa on 21st June, 2017 from 5.00-6.00 am. Dr D. Monga, Head ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa welcomed the Yogacharya (Trainer) Shri Suresh TayalJi, all staff and their family members for their participation. Many Assanas were demonstrated and performed by the trainer and were also practiced by the participants. The hour long activity was very useful and enjoyed by one and all. Dr Tuteja presented a vote of thanks to the gathering with a vow to exercise Yoga in daily routine life.



Produced and Published by:

Chief Editor :

Digital Editor, design & Media Support :

Editors:

Dr. M. S. Ladaniya, Director, CICR, Nagpur

Dr. S. M. Wasnik

Dr. M. Sabesh

Dr. J Annie Sheeba, Dr. Vishlesh Nagrare,

Dr. J Amutha, Dr. M Saravanan

Citation : Cotton Innovate, Issue-3, Volume-6, 2017,
ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur.

Publication Note: This Newsletter presented online at
http://www.cicr.org.in/cotton_innovate.html

Cotton Innovate is the Open Access CICR Newsletter

The Cotton Innovate – is published weekly by
ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research

Post Bag No. 2, Shankar Nagar PO, Nagpur 440010

Phone : 07103-275536; Fax : 07103-275529;

email: cicrnagpur@gmail.com, director.cicr@icar.gov.in