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## MGMG Farmers Meet Held at Hingna & Umred-Bela Tribal Clusters

ICAR-CICR, Nagpur scientists, Dr. Suman Bala Singh (Plant Breeding), Dr. Dipak T. Nagrale (Plant Pathology), Dr. H. B. Santosh (Plant Breeding), Dr. Savitha Santosh (Agril. Microbiology) and Mr. Rakesh Kumar (Biotechnology) visited Hingna cluster of Nagpur district on February 20, 2017 and gave audio-visual demonstration on soil sampling for promotion of central government scheme on “soil health card” to tribal farmers of the five village’s viz., Mangli, Junewani, Nanda Khurd, Ukhadi and Salaimenda under “Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav” programme. During the interaction with farmers, the team has explained how the timely soil testing will help for proper soil health management and reducing the input cost of production.



During the cropping season 2016-17, under the Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) plan of Government of India, 15 tribal farmers from Salaimenda village were selected for comparative evaluation of desi variety with Bt cotton hybrid under High Density Planting System (HDPS) on the farmers field. The farmers were supplied with various inputs for one acre of area. Scientists regularly visited the trials and provided needed technical guidance throughout the cropping season. Farmers were also educated about “Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana”. Printed pamphlets were distributed to them from time to time.

In other Umred-Bela tribal cluster villages, a group of scientist's team consisting of Dr. S.B Nandeswar, Dr. A. Manikandan, and Mr. T. Prabhulinga, visited the experimental cotton fields of 40 farmers at Umred-Bela tribal cluster villages on 31st January 2017. The team had carried out detailed survey and collected information of yield components of Bt cotton, Desi cotton, Cluster bean and cotton cultivation by farmers practice from all the MGMG beneficiary of the cluster village. During the visit, a brief conversation with farmers on benefits of high density planting system (HDPS) with cotton hybrid, desi cotton variety and benefit of legume as an intercrop under rainfed system was held. Farmers were satisfied with the on-farm demonstrations and scientific guidance given by the team for cultivation. The team also interacted with Jana Kalyan Committee of young farmers of Bela at Bondali village about the farmer's cooperation during the kharif 2016 cotton cropping season and future technical support and training programme on cotton cultivation practices during kharif 2017. Soil testing importance and use of soil health card in fertilizer application was also highlighted by the team.



Organic- Onion Seed production field visit



Scientists team interacting with Jana Kalyan committee

## Participated in International Talk

- Dr. S.B Nandeswar, Principal Scientist and Head, Biotechnology Section and Dr. A. Manikandan, Scientist (Soil Chemistry/Fertility/Microbiology) participated in International Talk on "Emerging areas of Research in the field of Science in the Global Scenario" conducted by Kamala Nehru Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur during 06/02/2017.

## Meetings attended

- Dr. K. R. Kranthi, Director attended the 88th Annual General Meeting of the ICAR held on 16th February, 2017 in the NASC Complex, PUSA, New Delhi.
- Dr. K. R. Kranthi, Director attended the review meeting between ICAR, DAC & FW and SAUs regarding cotton crop in North India held on 17th February, 2017 at Committee Room-1, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.



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