



Tribal Training Programme in Wathoda, Bothli, Narhar and Elagiri hills.

Training Program for Tribal farmers were organized at Wathoda (Kalmeshwar tehsil), Bothli (Umred Tehsil) and Narhar Villages (Parsheoni Tehsil), Nagpur district and in Elagiri hills of Vellore district on 27.02.2018, 08.03.2018, 13.3.2018 and 16.3.2018 respectively. Around 1050 Tribal farmers from nearby villages attended the program. The program was graced by the Gram Panchayat presidents of the respective villages, Gram Panchayat Members; officials from Agriculture department, NABARD, Forest department, Public Health Centres, besides Scientists and Subject Matter Specialists from ICAR-CICR, Nagpur and Coimbatore. These farmers were trained on various aspects of cotton viz., Cotton varieties, soil health management, water harvesting methods, drip irrigation benefits, safety measures to be taken during spraying, IPM, role of tribal women in conservation of seed and agriculture, pest management, Pink Bollworm management, animal husbandry, poultry, honey bee rearing and honey production, schemes available under/ through Agriculture, Forest departments and NABARD and other allied departments. There were good and fruitful interactions between the farmers and the Scientists/ Subject Matter Specialists. The farmers expressed their satisfaction about the training program.

The team(s) from ICAR-CICR, comprised of Dr. S. M. Wasnik, Dr. A.R. Raju, Dr. J. Amudha, Dr. Vinita Gotmare, Dr. Manikandan, Dr. Prabhulinga, Dr. Chandrasekhar, Dr. R. B. Singandhupe, Dr. P.R. Vijaya Kumari, Dr.T.R.Loknathan, Dr. K. P. Raghavendra, Dr. Vivek Shah, Dr. Shailesh Gawande, Dr. Rachna Pande, Dr. U. Nandankar and Dr. S.S.Patil.

From Coimbatore Dr. K. Rathinavel, Dr. S. Manickam, Dr. D. Kanjana, Dr. S. Usha Rani, Dr. K. Rameash and Dr.C. Karpagam have imparted the training.

The programs were assisted and coordinated by Mrs. Rachana Deshmukh, Mr. Prashant Gavhale, Mr. Ramteke, Mr. Pravin Tiwari and Mrs. H. Kavitha.



At Wathoda



At Bothali



At Narhar



At Elagiri hills, Jolarpettai, Thirupattur Taluk, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu

ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa organises *Kapas Utpadan Takniki Mela*



A *Kapas Utpadan Takniki Mela* was organized by CICR, Regional Station at its campus where around three hundred farmers participated. Dr. Monga, Head of the Station informed that this is the best time to organize such function as cotton sowing is fast approaching and farmers need information on various aspects of cotton technology. The main objective of the program was to make the farmers aware about the latest technologies including selection of best BG II hybrids with higher yield and tolerance to whitefly and cotton leaf curl virus disease. The regional station also wants to promote Desi cotton varieties developed at the station and other state agricultural universities of the region for the sake of crop diversity. The seeds of Desi cotton (*G arboreum*) variety CICR 3 developed at the station was made available for the farmers through National Seed Corporation. Further the Seed of Desi cotton hybrid CICR 2 was also available for sale from farmer to farmer. The scientists

Dr. Amarpreet Singh, Dr S L Ahuja, Dr R A Meena, Dr Rishi Kumar and Dr. Satish Sain delivered lectures on various aspects of cotton technology. The special emphasis was on the newly developed varieties, seed production technologies and management of sucking pests and cotton leaf curl virus disease. The officers from state Agriculture Department, Sirsa also attended the function and explained about the Governments schemes for farmers. Dr O P Tuteja proposed the vote of thanks.



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