



CICR Scientists participates in 'Kisan Kalyan Karyashala' organised by State Agriculture Department

As per the directives of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, 'Gram Swaraj Abhiyan 2018' was organised by State Agriculture Department in collaboration with ICAR institutes, SAU'S and ATMA throughout the country on 2 May 2018 with the theme 'Doubling of Farmer's Income (DFI)' by 2022. To commemorate the Programme 'Kisan Kalyan Karyashala' was organised at Block levels with the main objective to create awareness among farmers regarding strategy to be adopted for DFI by 2022. Scientist from ICAR- CICR participated in this programme at different blocks as ICAR nominee. In one the "Kisan Kalyan karyashala" organised at Parsheoni Tahsil and Gumthala village Dr. S. M. Wasnik, Principal Scientist (Extension) and Dr. S. P. Gawande, Scientist (Plant Pathology) participated in the programme as ICAR nominee.



The programme was started with the "Theme song of Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare". Dr. S.M. Wasnik, Principal Scientist (Extension), highlighted the role of ICAR institutes and the technologies generated for larger adoption. He also pointed out the programmes implemented by CICR for connecting the farmers directly from institute such as 'e-Kapas', "Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav" and cotton FLDs. He further appealed the farmers to register their contact details with the institute and get the benefit of mobile based voice messages and agro-advisories issued by the institute from time to time. Dr. S. P. Gawande, gave detailed information to the farmers about integrated management of pink bollworm. He discussed the role of various aspects like termination of crop latest by first fortnight of January, crop rotation, adoption of early maturing varieties, sowing of next season's crop in the month of June, installation of pheromone traps after 45 days of sowing, etc for the management of pink bollworm in the next season. More than 100 farmers participated in the workshop and interacted with Scientist and officials from Agriculture department regarding various aspects related to agriculture and various schemes available. At the end, brochures on 'Doubling of Farmers' Income' by 2022 provided by Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare which also consists of information related to the allied enterprises associated with agriculture were distributed. Sri.

Lanjewar, an innovative progressive farmer from Parsheoni Tahsil shared his experiences and the success story on good agriculture practices followed by him and doubling of his income with limited resource.

Meetings attended

An "International Congress on Cotton and Other Fibre Crops" was organized by Cotton Research and Development Association (CDRA), Hisar at ICAR-Research Complex for North East Hill Region, Umiam (Barapani), Meghalaya, India from 20 to 23 February 2018. There were 13 technical sessions including about 80 lead papers, invited papers and oral presentations and 150 posters in the entire conference. More than 250 scientists working in this area from all over the India participated in the congress. Three scientists from ICAR-CICR Regional Station, Sirsa were participated in the congress. Lead lectures were delivered by Dr. D Monga on "Cotton Pathology Researches in India-Salient Achievements and the way forward" and by Dr. O P Tuteja on "Pre-Breeding through various methods and its implications in Cotton". Dr. S K Sain presented an oral paper authored by S K Sain and D Monga "Resilience and relative virulence of entomopathogenic fungi against Bemisia tabaci with integrated pest management components in cotton" in the Concurrent Session: Crop Protection and Biosafety. The oral paper presented by S K Sain got the "Best Oral Paper Presentation Award" certificate and a Memento in the Congress.



- Dr. Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist attended District level Kisan Mela organised by Deputy Director (Agriculture) Sirsa (Haryana) on 01.03.2018 at village Chakkan. He delivered a lectures on "Management of insect pest in cotton especially whitefly". 5000 farmers from the district Sirsa and adjoining districts of Rajasthan and Punjab attended the mela" and visited the exhibition organised by the Department and private companies
- Dr. Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist attended farmers meeting organised by Ambuja Cement Foundation under the aegis of Better Cotton Initiative on 06.03.2018 at Mansa (Punjab). He delivered a lectures on "Management of insect pest in cotton especially whitefly". 500 farmers from the district Mansa and adjoining districts of Haryana attended the meeting.



- Dr. Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist attended District level Kisan Mela organised by Deputy Director (Agriculture) Sirsa (Haryana) on 16.03.2018 at village Rori especially for promotion of cotton cultivation in this belt, dominated by Rice cultivation. He delivered a lectures on” Cultivation of Desi cotton” and “Management of insect pest in cotton especially whitefly”. 2000 farmers from the district Sirsa and adjoining districts of Punjab attended the mela” and visited the exhibition organised by the Department and private companies. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Sirsa, Joint Director Agriculture, Cotton and officers of line department also attended the Kisan Mela and interacted with the farmers.



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