



ICAR-CICR and White Cotton Group Wani organised farmer's workshop on Integrated Management of Pink bollworm at Wani, District-Yavatmal (Maharashtra)

Farmer's workshop on Integrated Management of Pink bollworm in collaboration with white cotton group Wani was held on 24th Jan, 2018 at Shetkari Mandir Sabhagruha at Wani, Dist. Yavatmal. In this context, Dr V. N. Waghmare, Director (Acting), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur pointed out that different stakeholders including farmers, seed producers, ginners, state agriculture department, social organizations, NGO's, KVKs, State Agriculture Universities etc. need collective efforts for effective management of Pink bollworm in the ensuing season.



Dr. Vishlesh Nagrare, Principal scientist (Entomology) explained in detailed about integrated management of pink bollworm. He discussed the importance of several points like termination of crop latest by first fortnight of January, crop rotation, adoption of early maturing varieties, sowing of next season's crop in June, installation of pheromone traps after 45 days of sowing etc. for the management of pink bollworm in the next kharif season.



Dr Shailesh Gawande, Scientist (Plant Pathology) delivered a lecture on 'Safe use of pesticides'. He asked farmers to pay attention mainly towards strict adherence to label claims, avoiding mixtures and overuse of pesticides and need based spray only of recommended chemicals. More than 1200 farmers from Wani Tahsil of Yavatmal District were participated in this workshop. Dr. Nandini Gokte-Narkhedkar, I/C Head, Division of Crop Protection, ICAR-CICR welcomed all the participants and briefed about organizing the farmers workshop at Wani. The scientist's team interacted with farmers and satisfactorily answered queries raised by them. Sri. Yuvraj Jangle, AO, Panchayat Samitee, Wani proposed the vote of thanks.

Scientists Team MGMG Hingna cluster advised villagers to adopt CICR strategies

The scientists team comprising of Dr. Dipak Nagrale, Scientist (Plant Pathology), Dr. Santosh, H. B. Scientist (Plant Breeding) and Dr. Savitha Santosh, Scientist (Agri. Microbiology) visited the adopted villages (Mangli, Nandakhurad, Junewani, Salaimenda and Ukhadi) and adjoining agricultural fields of Hingna cluster under CICR-Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav (MGMG) programme on 31st January, 2018 and interacted with the farmers of the cluster. The average yield of H-8 Bt cotton hybrid (provided by ICAR-CICR) was found satisfactory with very lesser infestation of pink

bollworm. Most of the farmers had completed the cotton picking by the end of January, 2017 but the fields were not cleared after cotton picking. MGMG team advised the farmers to adopt of management strategies suggested by ICAR-CICR, Nagpur and urged the farmers to terminate the cotton crop and to clean the field at the earliest to reduce the pink boll worm infestation in the next coming season. The team also distributed CICR technical bulletin for effective pink boll worm management to cotton farmers of the cluster. During interaction with farmers, the team discussed rabi season crop condition and advised to adopt crop management practices recommended by ICAR, Agricultural Universities and State Agricultural Departments for improving crop production.



Exposure visits of the scouts of Bharat Cotton factory under the Aegis of Better Cotton Initiative

A group of the scouts and progressive farmers of the Bharat Cotton Factory under the Aegis of Better Cotton Initiative visited the demonstration plots and common hybrid trial to see the performance of GEAC released Bt cotton hybrids on 17.10.2017. Dr. Dilip Monga, Head, CICR RS Sirsa and Dr. Rishi Kumar, ICAR-CICR, Regional station Sirsa conducted the field visit and discussed with the participants regarding pest and disease incidence in Bt and non-Bt hybrids and varieties. After the visit, a lecture on clean picking was also delivered by Dr. Hamid Hasan, in charge, CIRCOT Unit Sirsa.



Participation in Meetings/Visits/Committees

- Dr. Raghavendra, K. P., Scientist (Biotechnology) participated as 'CICR Nominee' in the central team of 'Field Inspection & Scientific Evaluation Committee' (FISEC) during 11-12 January 2018 to ascertain the extent of spread of unapproved Herbicide Tolerant (HT) cotton in the cotton growing regions of Gujarat state.
- Dr. Raghavendra, K. P., Scientist (Biotechnology) participated as 'CICR Nominee' in the central team of 'Field Inspection & Scientific Evaluation Committee' (FISEC) during 18-19 January 2018 to ascertain the extent of spread of unapproved Herbicide Tolerant (HT) cotton in the cotton growing regions of Telan.



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