



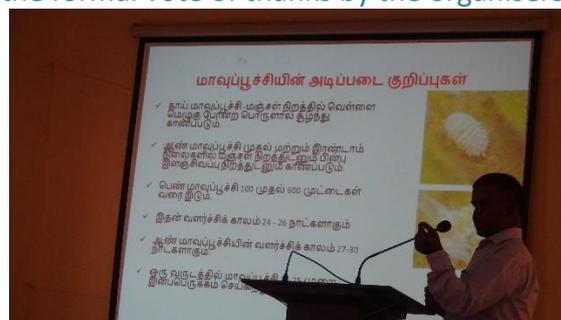
Lab to land – technological delivering system through training intervention under DST project

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Bio control agent is need of the hour for cotton insect pest management. With this fact in mind one day training programme was organised for the farmers on mass production of *Acerophagus papayaeparasitoid* (an improved strain) for mealybug pest management under the DST-SEED project entitled “Exploration and development of thermal tolerant strain of bio-control agent, *Acerophagus papayae* for sustainable management of papaya mealybug, *Paracoccus marginatus*”. The training programme was organised at ICAR- Central Institute for Cotton Research, Regional Station, Coimbatore. The major objective of the training programme is that making the farmers to aware about the mass production technology of *Acerophagus papayaeparasitoid* and train them in the technology and in due course of time the trained farmers themselves can enter in to the small business venture to mass production of the parasitoid. Farmers were selected based on their interest in the mass production by pre-consultation with the farmers before the training programme. Thus, fifty-one farmers were selected for the training programme from the village Viz., Sokkanur and Vadaputhur which comes under Kinathukadavu Taluk of Coimbatore district. The module of the training programme was conceptualised in such a way that to making the farmers in to experts in the mass production technology of *Acerophagus papaya*. Not only theoretical aspects but also hands on practical experience has also been imparted. Dr. K. Shankarganesh demonstrated the mass culturing of *Acerophagus papayaeparasitoid* and imparted the hands-on methodologies about the mass culturing to the farmers. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. K. Rathinavel, Principal Scientist & I/c Project Coordinator. The training programme was coordinated by Drs. K. Shankarganesh and C. Karpagam, PI and Co-PI of the DST project respectively. The training concluded with the formal vote of thanks by the organisers.



Inaugural function of the training



Theoretical orientation on mass culturing



Demonstration on mass culturing



Practical orientation on mass culturing

Republic Day Celebration at ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Regional station, Sirsa

The 70th Republic Day Celebration was held at ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Regional Station, Sirsa on 26th January, 2019. On this occasion, The National Flag was hoisted by Dr O.P Tuteja, Principal Scientist, ICAR-CICR Regional Station, Sirsa. In his address to the gathering, DrTuteja emphasized and invited one and all to join hands together to work towards doubling the farmer's income to improve their livelihood. He said on this auspicious day we should remember the contribution of one and all who helped mother India in attaining independence and rise as the largest democracy of the world. Scientists and Staff members along with their family members were present in the celebrations. The wards of the staff members recited poems on bravery and dedications of Indian soldiers and unity in diversity of the country as well. Indeed the celebrations were rejoiced by one and all.



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