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## Dr Vijay N. Waghmare took over the charge of Director, CICR.

Dr Vijay N. Waghmare, Head, Crop Improvement Division has taken over as Director (Acting) from Dr M.S. Ladaniya on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 in addition to his duties of Head, Crop Improvement Division. Dr M.S. Ladaniya who was looking after the additional duties of Director CICR handed over the charge to Dr Waghmare. Staff of CICR welcomed Dr V. N. Waghmare and bid farewell to Dr M. S. Ladaniya.



## Training cum farmers workshop organised at Zadgaon village, Wardha under MGMT

One day training- cum- farmers- workshop was organised on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at *Zadgaon* village in Wardha district under “*Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav*”(MGMG) programme. Scientists consisting of Drs. S. M. Wasnik, Punit Mohan, Vishlesh Nagrare, Jayant Meshram, Shailesh Gawande and P. Deulkar guided the farmers. The programme was organized in collaboration with Mahila Arthik Vikas Mahamandal/Community Managed Resource Centre (CMRC), Wardha district; Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP- NSP), CICR, Nagpur with a view to update the farmers on cotton based problems faced during cropping season and also on scientific management of goats. Dr. S. M. Wasnik Principal Scientist Extension & Nodal officer MGMT in his opening remarks highlighted importance of “*Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav*” programme for benefit of farmers. He narrated ‘e- Kapas project’ of CICR and its success story of providing voice messages to farmers at their doorstep. Dr. Punit Mohan, Principal Scientist and the group leader of Ganeshpur cluster informed farmers about desi cotton and its importance in Indian economy. Dr. Vishlesh Nagrare, Principal Scientist (Entomology) talked about Bt-cotton insect- pest control and management. Danger of pink bollworm infestation in Bt-cotton, if not properly managed leads to crop losses also pointed by Dr. Nagrare. Dr. Shailesh Gawande, Scientist

(Pathology) gave information on cotton diseases and management in cotton like root rot and viral diseases. Dr. Jayant Meshram informed farmers about cotton physiological disorders like leaf reddening and boll shedding during dry spell and nutrient deficiency management. Dr. P. Deulkar, SMS Veterinary expert of KVK has talked about goat farming along with crop husbandry to improve the income status of farmer's. Technical personnel from CMRC Smt. Bharati Mokddam, CMRC, Manager has stressed upon role of rural farm women in goat farming. Earlier, the team visited adopted village of Ganeshpur Cluster and contacted Krishi Mitra and other key informants such as Sarpanch, elderly farmers of the villages. The financial assistance to this programme was given by Dr. Vijaya Kumari, Principal Scientist, TSP (NCP) project of CICR. Pamphlets on Scientific Goat rearing were distributed to farmers engaged in Goat farming at *Zadgaon*. Dr. Jayant Meshram proposed the vote of thanks at the end and expressed sense of gratitude to the villagers for presence of more than hundred farmers.



## Monitoring of field demonstrations by scientists of *Girad* cluster under MGMG

The Multidisciplinary team of scientists from ICAR-CICR comprising of Dr. Nandini Gokte-Narkhedkar, Dr. Shailesh Gawande, and Dr. Sarvanan, Scientist visited the five villages viz., *Arvi, Mohgaon, Faridpur, Shivanphal* and *Jogingumpha* of *Girad* cluster of Wardha district on July 8, 2017 under “*Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav*” programme. Fourty four tribal farmers from *Faridpur, Arvi, Mohgaon* and *Shivanphal* villages have taken up demonstration trials under Tribal Sub Plan programme. TSP demonstration trials have Bollgard II (H-8 2 bag) cotton in one acre plot. The purpose of the visit was monitoring of some field demonstrations taken up under tribal sub plan .Team visited some fields found satisfactory germination even at the low rainfall. The crop was in seedling stage and free from pest and diseases. While interacting with the farmers main constraints faced by farmers were lack of labour availability and hence farmers are using herbicides for weed management.



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