



CICR Distributed Soil Health Cards to MGMG Farmers of *Umred-Bela* Cluster

ICAR- Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) Nagpur organises one day workshop at *Muradpur, Umred* tahsil in Nagpur District on 17 August 2017 for the tribal farmers of Umred-Bela Cluster under *Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav* (MGMG) programme. On the occasion training was imparted to the farmers on importance of soil testing, analysis and soil health card (SHC) as well as animal farming as secondary occupations. The team of scientists comprising of Dr. S.M. Wasnik Principal Scientist, Extension and Nodal Officer, MGMG, CICR Nagpur; Dr. S.B. Nandeshwar, Principal Scientist (Biotechnology), Dr. A. Manikandan Scientist (Soil Science), Mr. T. Prabhulinga Scientist (Entomology), Dr. U.V. Galkate, SMS (Veterinary Science) & Dr. S. S. Patil, SMS (Extension), KVK CICR Nagpur participated in the programme. The program was funded under Tribal Sub Plan scheme. Dr. S.B. Nandeshwar, Cluster Head gave introductory remarks. Dr. S.M. Wasnik, Nodal Officer, MGMG highlighted the importance of the soil health card in maintaining soil fertility. He asks farmers to take benefit of scientific know-how provided under Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav programme. Dr. U.V. Galkate, SMS (Veterinary Science), KVK CICR explained about the animal husbandry enterprise for income generation, he also interacted with the farmers in respect to improve the milk productivity. Team also provided the technical guidance on how to prepare farm yard manure (FYM) by different methods and its appropriate use in rainfed areas. Sixty Six Geo-referenced soil samples collected during April 2017 from Umred taluka of seven villages; namely *Muradpur, Suraburdi, Chargaon, Khapri, Nissanghat, Bendoli, Bothali*, the soil health cards prepared on twelve Soil parameters by Soil Scientist distributed to the farmers on the occasion. The program ended with formal vote of thanks



CICR, RS, Sirsa Scientists interacted with Hon Chief Minister, Punjab (India) on Cotton situations in North

Dr. Dilip Monga, Head, CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa and Dr Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist (Entomology) visited villages Khyaliwala District Mansa (Punjab) on 11.08.2017 and interacted with Honorable Capt Amrinder Singh, the Chief Minister of Punjab regarding the whitefly situation in North Cotton Growing Zone of India. The vice Chancellor, PAU Ludhiana, Director of Agriculture (Punjab), Director of Extension Education, PAU Ludhiana and officials of PAU and State Agriculture Departments were also present

Student's Visit

A total of 70 students from Sri Venkateswara Agricultural College, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh visited ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore on 19.07.2017. A lecture on the technologies developed, activities going on and salient achievements of the institute was delivered by Dr (Mrs) S. Usha Rani, Principal Scientist (Agricultural Extension).

Publications

P. Nalayini, K. Sankaranarayanan, K. Velmourougane and M. Suveetha. 2017. Biodegradable mulching for moisture conservation, weed control and enhanced productivity of winter irrigated cotton maize system. J. Cotton Res. Dev. 31 (2) 205-212 (July, 2017)



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