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Meeting on whitefly in Cotton & Guar held at CICR, RS, Sirsa

The meeting of the committee constituted regarding finalization of suggestive measures and action plan to be adopted for preventing the attack of whitefly in Cotton & Guar in Haryana and Punjab was held on 25.11.2015 in the committee room of CICR, RS, Sirsa. In the meeting various component of action plan i.e. monitoring and scouting of cotton insect pests, short term and long term whitefly management measures related experiments were discussed in details including the financial requirements. Director of Research, PAU, Director of Research, HAU, Head, CICR, RS, Sirsa, Additional Director of Research, PAU, Ludhiana, Professor Agronomy, Agriculture Research Station, RAU, Sriganaganar. Dr O.P. Tuteja, Dr. R. A. Meena and Dr. Rishi Kumar attended the meeting.



Training program cum exposure visit for the farmers

A one day training program cum exposure visit for the farmers adopted by the Ambuja cement was organised at Central institute for Cotton Research, Regional Station, Sirsa on 10.11.2015. In the training program 25 farmers including the workers of foundation participated. Dr Rishi Kumar, Principal scientist, CICR, delivered a lecture on whitefly management in cotton and on other alternate hosts. The farmers visited the demonstrations on High density planting system in cotton and various Desi cotton genotype demonstrated by the CICR.



Reaching the unreached area under Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav

- C Karpagam, M Sabesh, K Rathnavel, M Amutha

Under “Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav” (MGMG) programme a team of four scientists Drs. K. Rathinavel, M. Sabesh, C. Karpagam and M. Amutha visited the most interior villages viz., Sokannur, Muthugoundanputhur, Palarpathy, Veerapagoundanur and Rangaiyagoundanpudur in Sokkanur Panchayat, Kinathukadavu block, Coimbatore district on 26.11.2015. The team visited the above villages for base line survey and they had Focused Group Discussion with the Key informants of the villages to elicit the current agricultural trends, problem faced by the farmers and socio economic condition of the farmers for formulating strategic plan for technological backstopping and upliftment of poor farmers in the villages. Farmers in Sokkanur, predominantly cultivates coconut and Tomato and they have formulated coconut growers’ federation and vegetable growers association for development of the farmers in the village. Compare to other four villages, the village sokaanur has been progressive in nature. In Veerapagoundanur, the farming community predominantly cultivates vegetables and lacks of modern technologies are the major issue reported by the farmers. Palarpathy and Rangyagoundanputhur villages are most backward villages and have very less population and it is situated in the border of Tamil Nadu and Kerala and has several social issues in the villages. The villages had lack of infrastructure facilities like road, school, and hospital. Majority of the farmers leaving agriculture and move to nearby town for seeking lucrative jobs. The village Muthugoundanur has the potential source of water and very good wealth of livestock. If the livestock sector in the village will be coordinated properly by the outside agencies with the support of technological, backstopping that will further accelerate the economic condition of the farmers in the village. Based on the base line survey, the scientist’s team prepare the road map for further implementation of the programme in the villages.



Focused group discussion at Sokkanur village



Survey at Palarpathy village



Discussion with Key informants at Muthugoundanur



Tomato cultivation in the MG-MG villages

Meetings attended

Dr. K.R. Kranthi, Director, ICAR-CICR attended the Sub-Committee meeting of Review Committee on Genetic Manipulation (RCGM) to finalize modalities of regularity experiments for BG-III RR Flex on 26th November, 2015 at Department of Biotechnology (DBT), New Delhi.

Dr. Ahmed, Research Scientists from Agricultural Research Center, Egypt completes Six month study programme at CICR under RTF-DCS

Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Abd El-Moghny Abd El-Baky, Researcher (Cotton Breeding), Cotton Breeding Department, Cotton Research Institute (CRI), Agricultural Research Center (ARC), Giza, Egypt has completed his six month study programme on “Genetic, Physiological and Molecular Basis of Drought Tolerance in Cotton” at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur from 2nd June to 25th November, 2015. The programme was sponsored by Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of India and coordinated by Centre for Science and Technology of the Non-Aligned and Other Developing Countries (NAM S&T Centre), New Delhi under Research Training Fellowship for Developing Country Scientists (RTF-DCS). Dr. Ahmed also presented work carried at CICR and also shared his experiences of his country. Dr. Suman Bala Singh and Dr. H. B. Santosh coordinated the programme.



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