

Hon'ble Shri Nitin-ji Gadkari inaugurated Farmers Awareness Meet on PM Fasal Bima Yojana at CICR Nagpur on 16th April 2016



Krishi Vigyan Kendra, ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur organized a Farmer Awareness Meet on April 16, 2016 to launch awareness about new Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. The meet was inaugurated by Shri Nitin-ji Gadkari, Cabinet Minister for Road, Transport, Highways and Shipping, Govt. of India. Shri Krupalji Balaji Tumane, Member of Parliament, Ramtek and Dr. C.D.Mayee, Ex. Chairman, Agricultural Scientist Recruitment Board were the guests of honour. Shri Gadkari-ji also inaugurated an agri-exhibition on technologies and varieties developed by various agricultural institutions and ICAR-CICR, Nagpur.



Dr. K.R.Kranthi, Director, CICR gave the welcome address. Shri Krupal-ji Tumane spoke about benefits of new crop insurance scheme. He informed that the new crop insurance scheme is Pro-farmer with one premium rate for each season for food grains, oil seeds and pulses and removes capping on premium so that farmers get

maximum protection. This insurance yojana will be a boon especially for small and marginal for farmers.

Shri Gadkari-ji gave a very informed speech which kept the audience spellbound. He informed that from 14th April to 24th April Government of India has launched 'Gramoday se Bharat Uday programme'. He spoke about need to make smart villages on the lines of smart cities. He added that there is a budgetary provision of 9 lakh cores for crop loans. He also expressed concern over low irrigation availability in Maharashtra and spoke about need for soil health analysis as well as making of check dams at village level which will give quantum jump to crop productivity in the state. He advised farmers to adopt crop pattern according to the market requirement. He exhorted scientists to take their technology to farmers. He called for Innovation, Entrepreneurship and technology as key words for welfare of farmers.

Dr Y. G. Prasad, Director ATARI, Hyderabad, chaired the technical session. In Shri Ramesh Rajurkar, Branch manager, Universal Sampko General Insurance Company Ltd. Nagpur explained fine points of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana for the benefit of participating farmers. Shri Vijay Ghawate, JDA Nagpur gave information about different agriculture related schemes under operation by Central Govt. The programme concluded with Farmer-Scientist interactive session. Dr MS Ladaniya Director CCRI, Nagpur graced the occassion. Dr. C.D.Mayee proposed the vote of thanks. More than 500 farmers attended and participated in the programme. The meet was coordinated by Dr. K.R.Kranthi, Director, CICR and Dr. R.B.Singandhupe, In Charge, KVK, CICR, Nagpur.