

## DG Visit to Coimbatore

Dr. T. Mohapatra, Hon'ble Secretary DARE and Director General, ICAR, New Delhi visited Coimbatore during 31-10-2021 to 01-11-2021 and held discussion with the Scientists of ICAR Institutes located in Coimbatore. During the discussion, he emphasized the following points.

1. Nano urea - fertiliser dose to be optimised for sugarcane & cotton
2. A mention of poly mulch demonstration by Cotton farmers at Aurangabad came in discussion: CICR Technology to be transferred to the farmers in a proactive manner. Validation and upscaling of available technology with the feedback from farmers need to be focused
3. Drip fertigation in cotton to be concentrated.
4. Organic cotton – export potential, domestic production and research gaps need to be focused. The value chain for organic cotton involving producer – industry – exporter need to be studied.
5. POP for HDPS cotton in irrigated / rainfed conditions for different zone are to be optimised and communicated to stakeholders.
6. Success stories with economics and validated data should be communicated to council for the appraisal at PMO



On 01-11-2021, the DG was shown the performance of recently developed cotton culture CCH 19-4, which has ideal plant type suitable for High Density Planting System and Mechanical harvesting. He appreciated the same and emphasized that the large-scale demonstration of complete mechanization of cotton should be taken up on priority.