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Germplasm Field Day” Celebrated at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur

ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) organized one day “Germplasm Field Day” on 04th January, 2018 at Main Research Station, Nagpur for selection of germplasm lines, segregating materials and introgressed materials available in the institute.

The program was inaugurated by the Chairman and members of RAC joined by Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur in the morning. Twenty one cotton breeders from fourteen centres representing Northern (Ludhiana, Bhatinda, Banswara), Central (Akola, Jalgaon, Nanded, Rahuri, Parbhani, Khandwa, Bharuch, Surat and Junagadh) and South zones (Dharwad, Raichur, Guntur and Hyderabad) participated in the programme.

Dr. V. N. Waghmare, Director, ICAR-CICR, Heads of Divisions and cotton breeders of the ICAR-CICR, Nagpur were present on this occasion. Cotton breeders and researchers meticulously observed all the germplasm lines of *G. hirsutum* and selected desirable germplasm lines for various traits that can be useful in the breeding programme at their respective centres. Also, they have seen the Medium Cold Storage facility available at the institute where all the germplasm of four species is conserved and maintained properly. The programme was hosted by ICAR-CICR and actively coordinated and facilitated by Dr. Punit Mohan, Principal Scientist & Curator, Dr. Sunil Mahajan, Senior Scientist (Seed Technology) and Dr. Saravanan, M. Scientist (Plant Breeding).



ICAR sponsored Winter School inaugurated at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur

ICAR sponsored Winter School on “Insect resistance to Bt toxins and insecticides in cotton” (21 days – 18th January to 7th February, 2018) was inaugurated at the hands of Chief Guest Dr. S.A. Nimbalkar, Ex Vice Chancellor, Dr. PDKV, Akola. Dr. V.N. Waghmare, Director (Acting), ICAR-CICR chaired the inaugural session. At the outset Dr. Nandini Gokte-Narkhedkar, Head, Division of Crop Protection welcomed the Chief Guest and all the participants. She briefed about the importance of this winter school in the present context of increasing challenges of insect resistance in cotton.

Dr. S.A. Nimbalkar in his inaugural address highlighted the importance of IPM in bringing down the insect resistance and restoring the susceptibility. He further stressed that any single technology cannot be viewed as sole and permanent solution to the agricultural pest management; because such misinterpretations and mismanagement may lead to aggravation of resistance problems in the context of innate desire of every living being to survive.

Dr. V.N. Waghmare in his remarks assured to all the trainees that their participation in winter school would be benefited through exposure to the recent advances in the field of insect resistance management (IRM). Dr. Blaise Desouza, Head, Division of Crop Production expressed his gratification on coverage of all the relevant topics in the training course.

Dr. V. Chinna Babu Naik, Course-Director briefly explained about the course content and its relevance. The purpose of this winter school is to provide hands on training to the participants on recent advances in IRM. He told that, the course content is designed in such a way that the lectures and practical will cover various aspects like monitoring techniques for resistance development, mechanism of resistance, case histories of emerging and re-emerging pest problems and strategies for IRM. A total of 25 participants from Agricultural Universities, KVKs, State Agriculture Departments, etc. across eight major cotton growing states of the country are participating in this winter school.

Dr. Vishlesh Nagrare, Principal Scientist (Agril. Entomology) proposed the vote of thanks.



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