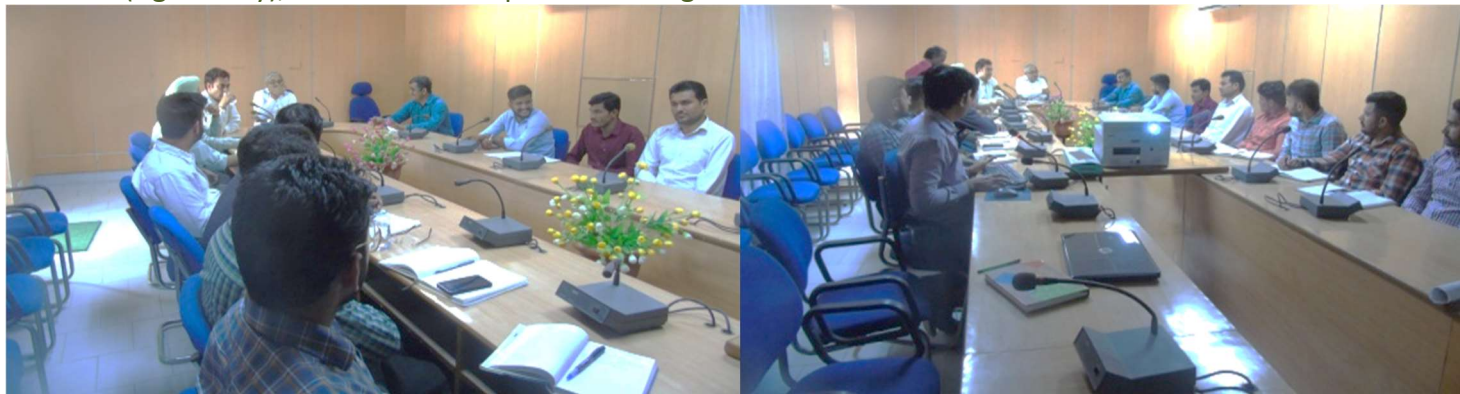




Meeting held in collaborations with Better Cotton Initiative partners.

As requested by Better Cotton Initiative (BCI), a meeting was organised at Central Institute for Cotton Research on 14.03.2018 with Better Cotton Initiative partners especially the Bharat Cotton Factory and WWF to discuss the issues related to demonstration of cotton production and protection technologies during 2018-19. Dr. D. Monga briefed the participants about CICR new technologies and success story of whitefly management during the last two years. It was advised to the BCI members to conduct demonstration on component i.e (a) Complete Package of practice, (b) Date of Sowing, Ridge & Furrow sowing, (c) Foliar application of NAA, (d) Foliar Application of micronutrient and Balanced fertilizers (e) plant protection techniques. Mr. Rajat Singla of Bharat Cotton factory informed the house that total 40 demonstration plots in three PUs on different components suggested by ICAR-CICR will be laid by his group with the technical guidance from ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Sirsa. Dr Rishi Kumar, Principal scientist (Entomology), Dr S.K.Sain, Sr. Scientist (PI Pathology) and Dr. Amarpreet Singh, Scientist (Agronomy), ICAR-CICR were present during the discussion.



ICAR-CICR, Nagpur Celebrates Dr Ambedkar 127th Birth Anniversary

ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur celebrated Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Birth Anniversary at CICR campus. Dr. Shankar Khobragade, a renowned cardiologist & MD (Khobragade Multispeciality Hospital, Nagpur), Dr V.N. Waghmare, Director, CICR; Dr Basu, Ex-Director, CICR; Dr. S. M. Wasnik (Principal Scientist, Ag. Extension); Dr Ulhas Nadankar (Farm superintendent) and Dr Dipak Nagrale Scientist, CICR were seated on the dais. Dr. Shankar Khobragade, also associated with Deptt. of Dr Ambedkar Thoughts, RTMNU, Nagpur and chief guest on the occasion highlighted the role played by Dr Ambedkar in several fields and his writings on history, philosophy, law, economics, social equality, justice is beneficial to nation's overall development and are as relevant today as at the time when these were penned. He pointed out that due to constitutional provisions made by Dr Ambedkar for socially downtrodden, women, labours and several weaker sections community helped them to lead a dignified life in society. Dr. V. N. Waghmare, Director, CICR briefed about thoughts of Dr Ambedkar for welfare of small, marginal farmers, agricultural labourers, industrial labour force and overall up-liftment of countrymen. He pointed out that Dr. Ambedkar incorporated the values of liberty, equality and fraternity in the constitution of free India for the governmental efforts to improve the lot of the poor. Dr. S.M. Wasnik in his introductory remarks highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's contribution in writing of more than 50 books and also the Government of Maharashtra, GOI India and several states commendable efforts of publication of volumes of unpublished works of Dr. Ambedkar to derive

inspiration and guidance from his thoughts for people in general and the youths in particular and contributing for the social reconstruction of the country. Earlier, Dr. Dipak Nagrale, welcomed and introduced the dignitaries and conducted the programme. All the staff members including Heads of division, student fellows, administrative, scientific staff, skilled and farm labourers attended the programme. Dr. Ulhas Nandankar proposed the vote of thanks and the program concluded with the singing of the national anthem.



Meetings/ Kisan Mela

Dr DilipMonga, Head, ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Regional Station Sirsa and Dr. Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist attended State level Kisan Mela organised by Directorate of Extension Education at PAU Regional Station, Bathinda on 27.03.2018. The Honourable Governor of the Punjab was the chief guest in this mela and Vice Chancellor, PAU, Dr B. S. Dhillon, presided over the mela . The exhibitions on various agriculture and allied occupation were installed for farmers on new techniques and seeds of kharif crops, vegetables and horticulture saplings of improved varieties from PAU and private seed companies were also provided to the farmers. More than 25000 farmers participated in the mela. The joint efforts done by ICAR-CICR and PAU and HAU for whitefly management were appreciated in the mela by Honourable Governor and the vice chancellor of PAU, Ludhiana.

Dr. Rishi Kumar, Principal Scientist attended a Kisan Mela organised by Krishi Vigyan Kendra, CCS HAU, Sirsa for the promotion of castor and cluster bean crops at village Kagdana on 26.03.2018. In this mela Dr Rishi Kumar delivered a lectures on” Cultivation of Desi cotton” and “Management of insect pest in cotton especially whitefly”. 500 farmers from the district Sirsa and adjoining district of Rajasthan visited mela.



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