



## Swachhta Hi Sewa Campaign Sept 15 to October 02, 2018 at CICR, Nagpur

Swachhta Hi Sewa (SHS) campaign from 15th September to 2nd October, 2018 was taken up in right earnest at ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur. The event kicked off with a passionate speech by the Dr V.N. Waghmare, Director, ICAR-CICR, asking the staff to imbibe cleanliness in day-to-day activities, not only in our lives and surroundings, but also to motivate others around us to follow the same suit. He emphasized the need for greater hygiene and urged everyone to sensitise others around us. Over a period of 16 days, 734 people including ICAR-CICR staff, and villagers toiled to make this endeavour a success.



The drive started by cleaning the entire office area, buildings, rooms, roads, and farm area. Subsequently, the roads leading to the office and the surrounding areas were cleaned.

An awareness drive was undertaken in the villages of Hiwara, Umred Tehsil, Nagpur. The villagers were made aware regarding the need for personal hygiene, cleanliness of surroundings habitats, animal sheds etc. School students from the village Chargaon, Umred Block, Nagpur were taught the hygienic sanitation practices by using toilets, hand washing etc. At Village Chargaon, Umred Block, Nagpur, an exercise in soak pit digging was successfully conducted. An effort was made to change the mindset of the villagers regarding sanitation in village Chargaon, Umred block, Nagpur, for which participants went from house to house to drive home the point. Special emphasis was given to ladies and children regarding safe hygiene practices including using a toilet, hand washing etc. An endeavour in toilet pit-digging and construction was undertaken in the village Kandri, Tahsil-Ramtek, District, Nagpur involving the villagers. They were also apprised of the benefits to health hygiene and environment by not defecating in the open by taking an example of the constructed toilet by Government in earlier years. Cleaning campaign was also organized at village Kandri, Tahsil-Ramtek, District, Nagpur. In order to create awareness regarding hygiene, cleanliness of the surroundings in the young minds, a drawing and painting competition was organized in the village school at Chargaon, Tehsil Umred, Nagpur with the theme "Swachhata hi Seva". The winners were awarded with incentives prizes. As part of 150th birth anniversary celebration of Mahatma Gandhi, a rally was organized in the village Chargaon, Tehsil Umred, Nagpur on 02-10-2018. The village school children and the villagers - men, women, young and old enthusiastically participated in the event. Swachata hi Seva event concluded with a resounding success and a promise to continue the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi in the future.





**ICAR-CICR, Regional station Sirsa scientist surveyed wilt affected cotton fields along with the officials of State Department of Agriculture Punjab and PAU Ludhiana on 21-22 Sept,2018**

Dr S.K. Sain, Senior Scientist (Plant Pathology) Dr Amarpreet Singh, Scientist (Agronomy) and other technical staff conducted farmer's field survey on the occurrence and incidence of whitefly, CLCuD, parawilt and other diseases on 21 September 2018. During the survey cotton field were monitored in the area of Sirsa (Haryana), Abohar, Muktsar (Punjab).

In the Haryana and Punjab, the whitefly incidence was far below the ETL level except unmanaged crop fields. The Cercospora leaf spot was found severe in some farmer's fields in Sirsa, as well as Abohar. Yellowing and wilting problem in cotton was recorded in the cotton fields of Haryana, Punjab.



The ICAR-CICR- Regional Station scientists DrSatish and DrAmarpreet visited Punjab cotton area with PAU and Punjab State Agriculture team on 22 September. This problem was found to be more in the cotton fields having shallow root development, continuous cotton-wheat cropping system, poor borewell water irrigation (high EC value), poor soil and plant health management conditions including soil with hard pan, no deep ploughing, infestation of nematodes, root rot and termites



*Cotton field having shallow root development, Cercospora leaf spot disease and nematode incidence in Haryana.*

## Cotton Guru Farmers workshop at Prakash white Gold Hinganghat

One day Kisan Mela cum training workshop to progressive farmers was organised on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2018 by cotton Guru at Prakash white Gold Ubada near Hinganghat. From ICAR- CICR Nagpur, Dr S. M. Wasnik, Principal Scientist (Extension) and Dr Dipak T. Nagrale, Scientist (Plant Pathology. guided the farmers. The other participants includes Cotton Guru Sh Manish Daga, Sh Amrutrao Deshmukh- Award winning veteran farmer who has consistently achieved highest yield in Maharashtra, Sh. Badruddin Khan, MCX, Sh Omprakash Dalia along with Sh Kothari Chairman Krishi Utpann Bajar Samittee, Hinganghat. Issues like value addition and market information, cotton price and risk management, Ginner /Buyer requirement were discussed. Farmers appreciated CICR technologies. They were asked to enroll for free voice message service of CICR and also requested to attend Kapas Mela bing organised at CICR on 30 October 2018 at CICR Nagpur. More than 150 farmers, ginner and other official attended the program.



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