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National Training on "Bt Resistance Monitoring of Pink Bollworm on Cotton" held at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur

Three days National Training on "Bt Resistance monitoring of pink bollworm on cotton" was held at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur from April 20-22, 2017. Purpose of this training was to enable cotton researchers to detect and manage resistance to Bt toxins in Pink bollworm populations as Pink bollworm is emerging as major pest of cotton in recent years. The training aimed to provide hands on experience on pink bollworm rearing and monitoring of pink bollworm resistance to Cry toxins. A total of 35 participants from 9 cotton growing states including Scientists, Research scholars and personnel from Industries participated in this training programme. The programme was inaugurated by Dr VN Waghamare, Head Division of Improvement, CICR, Nagpur. In his inaugural address Dr. Waghmare briefed about importance of Pink bollworm resistance management. Dr Blaise, Head Division of Crop Production, Dr Venugopal, Head PME Cell and Dr S B Nandeshwar, Head Biotechnology section also addressed the participants.







The Valedictory session was graced by Dr. S.V Sarode, Ex- Director of Research, Dr PDKV, Akola as Chief Guest. In his address Dr. Sarode informed about damage caused due to pink bollworm in extended cotton crop and strategies for its management. Dr. M.S. Ladaniya Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur emphasized on importance of early sown, early maturing, short duration cotton (150-160 days) varieties to escape the pink bollworm in cotton. Dr Mrs S Kranthi explains about the Current Scenario of Pink bollworm on Bt cotton in India and also remedial measures for its management.







The three day training programme included lectures on various topics as Current Scenario of Pink bollworm on Bt cotton, Sampling and rearing procedure for PBW, Bioassays methods Pink bollworm management on cotton, Production Strategies for limiting damage by Pink bollworm and immunodiagnostic tests for detection of Bt (cry) toxins.

This training programme was coordinated by Dr Sandhya Kranthi, Principal Scientist, Head /Ic, Division of Crop Protection, CICR, Nagpur and Dr V. Chinna Babu Naik, Scientist (Entomology) Division of Crop Protection, CICR, Nagpur.

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