

7. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Chaudhary Devi Lal Outstanding AICRP Award

All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project of ICAR with its headquarters at CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore has been awarded the prestigious Chaudhary Devi Lal Outstanding AICRP Award for the year 2006 and the Coveted Award was presented to Dr.N.Gopalakrishnan, Project Coordinator (Cotton Improvement) and Head, CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore on 16th July, 2007 (ICAR Foundation Day) by the Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister in the august presence of Hon'ble Minister of State for Agriculture and Hon'ble Director General of ICAR in New Delhi. This is a joint venture endeavour and all the Scientists and other personnel at CICR, Nagpur, and its Regional Stations at Coimbatore and Sirsa besides the AICCIP Scientists and Staff were commended for high yielding varieties/hybrids, cotton production and protection technologies. The establishment and development of AICRP on Cotton has led to development of many deliverable technologies and implementable farm practices for sustainable income to farm families and livelihood security to rural womenfolk.

NAAS Associateship

Dr. K. K. Bandyopadhyay, Sr. Scientist (Soil Science),

CICR Regional Station, Coimbatore was selected Associate of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), New Delhi under Natural Resource Management Section for a period of 5 years i.e. from 1.1.2008 to 31.12.2012.

Environmentalist of the year 2007

Dr. J. Gulsar Banu, Sr. Scientist (Nematology), CICR Regional Station, Coimbatore was awarded Environmentalist of the year 2007 by National Environmental Science Academy, New Delhi.

Fellow award

Dr. D. Monga, Head, CICR Regional Station, Sirsa and Dr. S. L. Ahuja, Principal Scientist, CICR Regional Station, Sirsa were Conferred Fellow award of Cotton Research and Development Association.

Certification of appreciation

Dr. C.S. Praharaj, Sr. Scientist (Agronomy), CICR Regional Station, Coimbatore has received Certification of appreciation at National Seminar on "INM in Rainfed Agro-ecosystem" at CRIDA, Hyderabad during 3-4th March, 2008 following presentation of a research article entitled "Sustaining cotton acreage and productivity through *ex-situ* and *in-situ* management of farm wastes in semiarid tract of western Tamil Nadu".

