

10.5 : Other Important Workshop/ Symposia/Meetings/Visits

Visit of Hon'ble Agriculture Minister Shri Radha Mohan Singhji

Shri Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India visited ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on 04th June, 2017. He visited the farm and laboratories. He addressed the CICR staff and appreciated the good work being done on developing cotton production and protection technologies and its dissemination to the farmers across the country.



Meeting on "Breakdown of resistance of Bt cotton BG II to pink bollworm"

A meeting was held on "Breakdown of resistance of Bt cotton BG II to pink bollworm" at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on 18th August 2017 under the Chairmanship of Dr. R. K. Singh, Asst. Director General (Commercial Crops), ICAR, New Delhi. Dr Nandini Gokte Narkhedkar, Principal Scientist and HoD I/c Crop Protection Division welcomed the participants. Dr M. S. Ladaniya Director ICAR-CICR (Additional charge) highlighted the issue of pink bollworm. Dr R. K. Singh in his opening remarks, highlighted the concern about reports on pink bollworm resistance development at various parts of India. Issues related to breakdown of Bt cotton BG II resistance to bollworm discussed at length. On this



occasion, a booklet on "Pink bollworm management in Cotton" (Marathi) was released at the hands of Dr. R.K. Singh. Dr V.N. Waghmare, Head, Division of Crop Improvement, Dr Blaise DeSouza, Head i/c Crop Production Division, Dr Nandini Gokte-Narkhedkar, Head i/c, Division of Crop Protection, Dr A.H. Prakash, PC and Head i/c, CICR RS Coimbatore, Dr Dilip Monga, Head, CICR RS Sirsa attended the meeting. Among the scientists Dr R. B. Singandhupe, Dr S.M. Wasnik, Dr Dhara Jothi, Dr Vishlesh Nagrare, Dr G. Balsubramani, Dr Rishi Kumar, Dr V. Chinna Babu Naik, Dr Shailesh Gawande and Dr Dipak Nagrale participated in the discussion. Dr Vishlesh Nagrare proposed vote of thanks.

Visit to pink bollworm affected areas of Yavatmal district on 26.09.2017

Dr Vishlesh Nagrare, Dr V. China Babu Naik and Shri Bhausaheb Naikwadi visited the pink bollworm affected area of Maregaon, Dist Yavatmal.



Seventh Asian Cotton Research and Development Network Meeting (ACRDN) at Nagpur

The Indian Society for Cotton Improvement (ISCI) Mumbai, in collaboration with International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur and ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT), Mumbai, organized the 7th Asian Cotton Research and Development Network meeting at Nagpur, Maharashtra, India during September 15-17, 2017.

The meeting was inaugurated by Dr Terry Townsend, Former Executive Director, International Cotton Advisory Committee, Washington DC on 15 Sept. 2017. Dr. AK Singh, Deputy Director General (Crop Science),



Indian Council of Agricultural Research delivered the presidential address.

The theme of the 7th ACRDN meeting was “Production of quality fibre and doubling cotton farmers' income”. Two hundred and thirty nine delegates comprising of researchers, Government officials, experts from trade and industry and farmers representing India, Bangladesh, Egypt, Australia and USA participated in the meeting.



Dr. Mrs. Kavita Gupta, Textile Commissioner, Government of India, chaired the valedictory session and delivered the valedictory address. She spoke on the rich heritage of cotton in Asia and the current relevance of cotton production and utilization to the development of the region. Dr. Kavita Gupta emphasized on the need for doubling farm income and suggested a pathway for doing so through a combination of low cost yield enhancement technologies.

Dr. P.G. Patil, Director, ICAR- CIRCOT was elected as the Chairman of the Network until the next ACRDN meeting. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks proposed by Dr. C. Sundaramoorthy, Senior Scientist, ICAR-CIRCOT, Mumbai.



Spread over 3 days, there were 29 technical sessions including 1 plenary session, 1 panel discussion, 1 open forum for young researchers, two open sessions, 1 poster session and 24 concurrent sessions. Out of 126 abstracts received, 40 were presented in poster session and 72 were presented in oral sessions.



Yavatmal visit on pesticide poisoning on 28.9.2017

A team comprising of four scientists had a joint visit with officials from Dr. Panjabrao Deshmukh Krishi



Interaction with Shri Madan Yerrawar, Guardian Minister, Yavatmal on 28.09.2017

Vidhyapeeth, Akola; Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Yavatmal; Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal; Agriculture department, Govt of Maharashtra. Total 19 members were in joint survey team. The survey team discussed the issue of insecticide poisoning with Shri Madan Yerrawar, Guardian Minister, Yavatmal.

The survey team also participated in a meeting convened under the Chairmanship of Shri Kishor Tiwari, Chairman, Vasantrao Naik Shetakari Swavlamban Mission at Revenue Bhawan, Office of the District Magistrate, Yavatmal. The meeting was attended by Shri Madan Yerrawar, Guardian Minister, Yavatmal; Vice President of Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal; Secretary, Department of Health; District Magistrate, Yavatmal; Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Parishad, Yavatmal and all the members of survey team. The issue of insecticide poisoning to farmers/ farm labourers was discussed. It was instructed that the related machineries at district level such as Zilla Parishad, Agri Department, Health Department, etc. should work in coordination to handle the issue and also to take initiatives regarding creating awareness about safety measures, making available antidotes as first aid for insecticide poisoning at primary health care centers at village levels.

Scientist teams visited Yavatmal on 13.10.2017

Six teams comprising of 24 scientists visited Wardha, Chandrapur and Yavatmal districts and collected information on cotton pest situation, insecticide usage in relation to pesticide poisoning cases. The team of Scientists visited cotton fields, interacted with farmers and farm labourers involved in the spraying of insecticides and also met with the families affected with insecticide poisoning.



A report on pesticide poisoning in Vidarbha region of Maharashtra has been prepared based on the surveys, interaction with farmers/farm labourers, research



experiences, published reports in scientific journals and extracts from media reports/ coverage/ interactions. Yavatmal, Wardha, Chandrapur, Amaravati, Akola, Buldhana, Washim and Nagpur are the major cotton growing districts of Vidarbha region of Maharashtra.

Meeting with Shri Sharadji Pawar and Shri Anil Deshmukh

Dr V. N. Waghmare Director (Acting), CICR, Nagpur , Dr Nadini Gokte Narkedkar and Dr V. S. Nagrare in a meeting with Shri Sharad Pawar, Former Union Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Shri Anil Deshmukh Former Cabinet Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, Maharashtra on 18th November 2018 at Nagpur Airport discussed Pink bollworm infestation situation in Maharashtra. Dr. Waghmare appraised them about the strategies developed by CICR to tackle the Pink bollworm problem and steps being undertaken by CICR in creating awareness about the management strategies among the farmers. He also updated them about pesticide poisoning cases from the district of Yavatmal in Maharashtra.



Visit of State Agriculture Minister to ICAR-CICR

Shri. Sadabhau Khot, Honourable Minister of State for



Agriculture, Horticulture and Marketing, Govt. of Maharashtra visited ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on 12th December, 2017. The In-charge Director, Dr. D. Blaise explained about the various proactive steps taken by ICAR CICR Nagpur from the time the occurrence of the Pink bollworm on Bt cotton was reported. The minister visited experimental fields and laboratories of CICR along with the scientific staff and interacted with them regarding various measures to be taken to prevent Pink bollworm infestation in cotton. He also visited the Pink bollworm resistant monitoring laboratory and interacted with Entomology Scientists, Dr. V. Chinna Babu Naik, Dr. Vishlesh Nagrare and Dr. Babasaheb Fand. Dr. Balasubramani, Principal Scientist, Biotechnology explained about the method of detection of cry toxins from Bt cotton samples during the visit to Bt referral and Biotechnology laboratories. Honourable Minister in his remarks, appreciated the work done by ICAR- CICR in Pink bollworm management. Dr. Suman Bala Singh, proposed the vote of thanks. Mr. N.T. Shisode, Joint Director of Agriculture, Maharashtra State also attended the meeting. Smt. Rama Iyer, Private Secretary, to the Director, CICR contributed a lot for arranging the meeting.

High level Meeting on Pink bollworm

In view of Pink bollworm damage on cotton crop in Maharashtra during the current year, a high-level meeting was organised at Maharashtra Chief Minister's residence, Ramgiri, Nagpur on 17th December, 2017. On



this occasion, Sh. Radha Mohan Singh, Honb'le Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India; Sh. Devendra Fadnavis, Chief Minister, Maharashtra, Sh. Nitin Gadkari, Union minister for Transport; Sh Pandurang Fundkar, Agriculture Minister, Maharashtra, Sh. Subhas Deshmukh, Minister, Cooperative Maharashtra, Sh. Pasha Patel, Chairman of Maharashtra State Commission for Agriculture and Prices, Sh Krupal Tumane, MP; Sh. Sadabhau Khot, Minister of State (Agriculture), Sh. Anil Bonde, MLA; Mr Bijay Kumar, Principal Secretary (Agriculture), Maharashtra, Mr S. P. Singh, Agriculture Commissioner and Mr Sanjay Patil were present. Union Agriculture Minister appreciated the steps taken by the ICAR-CICR for the management of PBW in Gujarat. Mr Sharad Pawar, Former Union Minister of Agriculture joined the discussion through video conferencing. From ICAR, Dr A.K. Singh, DDG (Crop science); Dr P.K. Chakrabarty, ADG (PP); Dr R. K Singh, ADG (CC); Dr V. N. Waghmare, Director (Acting), CICR; Dr V.S. Nagrare, Principal Scientist (Entomology), CICR were participated. Dr Venkateshvarulu, VC VNMAU Parbhani, Dr Vilas Bhale, VC Dr PDKV Akola and Dr Vishvanath, VC MPKV Rahuri also attended the meeting. Among the special invitees Dr C.D. Mayee, Former Chairman, ASRB and Dr Sharad Nimbalkar, Ex Vice chancellor made it convenient to attend the said meeting. After discussion, it was decided to send proposal for relief fund from Central Govt.

Visit of Shri Bijay Kumar, Principal Secretary (Agriculture) and Shri S.P. Singh, Agriculture Commissioner

Shri Bijay Kumar, Principal Secretary (Agriculture) and Shri. S. P. Singh, Agriculture Commissioner, Agriculture Department Government of Maharashtra visited ICAR-CICR along with Sh. Vijay Ghavate, Mrs. Pradyna Golghate, SAO, Nagpur, Mr Milind Shende, SAO, on 25th January, 2018. Dr. V.N. Waghmare,





Director (Acting), CICR, Dr. V. S. Nagrare, Dr. Chinna Babu Naik, Dr. R.B. Singandhupe, Dr. G. Balasubramani explained the details to the dignitaries on the issue of pink bollworm and herbicide tolerant (HT) cotton. They visited biotechnology lab, Bt referral lab, tissue culture lab and insectary. Scientists Dr. K. P. Raghavendra, Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Dr. Vivek Shah explained the research work on these aspects.

Awareness workshop on agricultural inputs to dealers at CICR

Awareness workshop to 40 agricultural input dealers from Chandrapur districts was organized on 30th December, 2017. Dr. V.N. Waghmare, Director (Acting), ICAR-CICR, Nagpur in his address dealt with issues associated with Bt cotton cultivation. Dr. Waghmare urged the input dealers to supply input in proper way so that judicious use of agrochemicals and fertilizers can be done at the farmers end. In this context, recent insecticides poisoning cases happened in Yavatmal and other cotton growing districts of Maharashtra were highlighted. Dr. B.B. Fand Scientist (Entomology) presented integrated Pink bollworm management



strategies devised by ICAR-CICR. Dr. Vishlesh Nagrare, Principal Scientist (Entomology) advised strict adherence of label claim, avoid chemical mixture and excessive use of pesticides. Dr. Jayant Meshram, Senior Scientist (Plant Physiology) and Dr. S.P. Gawande, Scientist (Plant Pathology) also interacted regarding abiotic and biotic stresses and their management respectively. A visit was arranged to Bt referral laboratory by Dr. Vivek Shah, Scientist (Entomology).

Training on seed production at ICAR-CICR RS, Coimbatore

Awareness cum training programme on cotton cultivation and seed production was organised at Elagiri hills, Jolarpettai, Thirupattur Taluk, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu on 16.3.2018 under the Tribal sub plan of National Seed Project (crops) 2017-18. Scientists of ICAR-CICR, Regional Station, Coimbatore delivered lecture on various aspects of cotton seed production and cultivation. 126 tribal farmers attended the training. Inputs such as seeds and pesticides were distributed to farmers for use in the ensuing crop season.

10.6: Participation of Scientists in Seminars/Symposia/Workshops/Meetings

Sr. No.	Seminars/Conferences/Symposia/ Workshops/ Meetings	Place and Date	Participants
1.	Annual Group Meeting of All India Coordinated Cotton Improvement Project	TNAU, Coimbatore April 08-10, 2017	V.N. Waghmare, Punit Mohan, S.M.Palve, S.S. Mahajan, M. Sarvanan, H.B. Santosh, G.Balasubramani, J. Amudha, J.H.Meshram, S.Kranthi, A H Prakash, K Rathinavel, S Manickam, B Dhara Jothi, K P M Dhamayanthi,



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			J Gulsar Banu, K Sankara Narayanan, P Nalayini, Isabella Agarwal, S Usha Rani, R Raja , K Rameash , M Sabesh , C. Karpagam, M Amutha, K Shankar Ganesh , D Kanjana, A. Manivannan, D.Monga, Rishi Kumar, SK Verma, MV Venugopalan
2.	State-wise Coordination Committee meeting for doubling farmers income by 2022 organized by ICAR -NIASM Baramati (Maharashtra)	College of Agriculture Pune on 3.4.2017. NRC Grape, Pune on 27.4.2017 and at CCRI , Nagpur on 23.11.2017	RB. Singandhupe
3.	Attended Meeting of interstate consultative committee for the management of whitefly in North Zone	Bahinda/Abohar 02 May, 2017, 03 June, 2017, 17 & 18 July, 2017, 29 July, 2017	D.Monga Rishi Kumar
4.	A meeting on "Present status and future strategies to promote coloured cotton" chaired by Hon'ble DG	DG's Committee Room, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 08 May 2017	Vinita Gotmare
5.	Desi cotton workshop	Karanja Washim. 16 th May, 2017	S.M Wasnik
6.	21st Cotton TAP steering committee meeting.	Udhyog Bhavan, New Delhi 17 May 2017.	SK Sain
7.	Meeting with agriculture commissioner on resistance development by pink bollworm	Pune, 22 May 2017	V. S. Nagrare,
8.	Interface meeting on enhancing preparedness of agricultural contingencies in Kharif 2017 for Maharashtra	Central Building, Pune, 2 June, 2017	Ramkrushna G.I.
9.	Textile India 2017	Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar, Gujarat June 30 to July 2, 2017	Blaise Desouza MV. Venugopalan RB. Singandhupe



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10.	International Conference on “Recent trends in Agriculture, Biotechnology and Food processing	College of Agriculture, Hassan, Karnataka July 5-7, 2017.	Savitha Santosh Pooja Verma Madhu T. N.
11.	Institute Management Committee Meeting of ICAR-CRIJAF	ICAR-CRIJAF, Kolkata July 6, 2017	R. Raja
12.	International Conference on Recent trends in Science and Technology ICRTS-2017	Shivaji Science College, Nagpur July 12-14, 2017.	Raghavendra K.P, Rakesh Kumar Joy Das, Chandrashekar N, Vinita Gotmare, Santosh, H. B., Savitha Santosh, Pooja Verma, Madhu T. N.
13.	Annual Zonal workshop of KVK's	YCMOU, Nashik, 23-25 July 2017	RB. Singandhupe
14.	Curriculum Development workshop for the Doctoral degree programme at Department of Nano Science & Technology, TNAU	TNAU, Coimbatore July 26- 27, 2017	K. Rameash
15.	Nation Water Mission Programme on cotton crop	CGO Complex New Delhi 10 August, 2017.	RB. Singandhupe
16.	Third national conference on “Agriculture Scientific Tamil”	TNAU, Coimbatore August 12-13 , 2017	K. Sankaranarayanan C. Karpagam
17.	Visited the AICRP trials at Nanded, Parbhani and Akola centres	Nanded, Parbhani & Akola 19-20 August 2017	R K Singh, ADG (CC) V.N.Waghmare A H Prakash
18.	Specifying sample size and Tolerance level for testing transgene purity of Bt Cotton seed lots	Seed Centre, TNAU, Coimbatore August 28, 2017	K Rathinavel
19.	Meeting on “Mobile app for pest identification and dissemination of pest management methods”	New Delhi 28 Aug 2017	V. S. Nagrare
20.	SANKALP SE SIDDHI programme	KVK MYRADA, Gobi, August 29, 2017	C. Karpagam
21.	Review meeting of DUS, submission on seed and planting material under DAC organized at	Seed Centre, TNAU, Coimbatore August 30, 2017	K Rathinavel



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22.	7 th Asian Cotton Research & Development Network Meeting	ICAR-CICR, Nagpur September 15-17, 2017	V. N. Waghmare, S.M.Palve, Raghavendra, K.P, Rakesh Kumar, Joy Das, Chandrashekar N, Santosh H.B., Vinita Gotmare, Blaise Desouza, MV. Venugopalan, RB. Singandhupe, S.M Wasnik, G. Majumdar, P. Nalayini, JH. Meshram, K. Velmourougane, G.I. Ramkrushna, A. Manikandan, Pooja Verma, Nandini Gokte Narkedkar, V. S. Nagrare, Madhu T.N., Dipak Nagrale, Neelkanth Hiremani, ChinnaBabu Naik,, S. Manickam, P. Nalayini, K. Sankaranarayanan, R. Raja, S. Usha Rani, M. Sabesh, K.Shankarganesh, D Monga, S.L. Ahuja,, R.A. Meena, S.K. Verma, Rishi Kumar, S.K. Sain.
23.	Monitoring of the cotton DUS trials at the Department of cotton	CCSHAU on September 20, 2017 PAU on Sep. 21, 2017	K Rathinavel
24.	Participation & presentation of EFC Memo of the Institute	ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 21 September 2017	V.N.Waghmare M V Venugopalan
25.	Brainstorming on “Thrips: Challenges and Management Options”	New Delhi, 22 Sept 2017	V. S. Nagrare
26.	Evaluation of unique germplasm lines by Germplasm Identification Committee & implementation and monitoring the progress of technical programme of ICAR-CICR Regional Station, Sirsa	ICAR-CICR Regional Station, Sirsa 23 September 2017	V.N.Waghmare Nandini Narkhedkar M V Venugopalan Vinita Gotmare Punit Mohan
27.	Meeting with Shri Hansaraj Ahir, Hon’ble Minister of State for Home affairs, Govt of India for discussion on pesticide poisoning in Yavatmal.	Nagpur 9 th & 16 th October , 2017	V. N Waghmare, Nandini Gokte Narkhedkar, V. S. Nagrare, V. Chinna Babu Naik



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28.	NICRA expert review committee meeting and presented the progress report of NICRA project on IPM of Whitefly	NASC Complex ,Delhi 23-24 October,2017	Rishi Kumar
29.	Meeting in connection with the Pink bollworm project under the chairmanship of DDG (CS)	ICAR, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. 24-25 October 2017	V.N.Waghmare Nandini Narkhedkar A H Prakash B Dhara Jothi V S Nagrare V Chinna Babu Naik D Monga Rishi Kumar
30.	Special Investigation Team meeting on Pesticide issues in Vidarbha Region	Commissioners Office, Amravathi 25 October 2017	Vinita Gotmare M V Venugopalan
31.	Review meeting on breakdown/susceptibility of BGII cotton to pink bollworm and its increasing infestation in State of Maharashtra, Telangana and Gujarat	Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi, 25 th October 2017	V.N.Waghmare D. Monga, A. H Prakash, Nandini Gokte Narkedkar, B. Dharajothi, V. S. Nagrare, V. China Babu Naik Rishi Kumar
32.	Special Investigation Team (SIT) meeting (Constituted by Govt. of Maharashtra) in connection with death of farmers / farm labourers due to insecticide poisoning under the chairmanship of Commissioner (Revenue), Amravati Division	Revenue Bhawan, Yavatmal 30 October 2017	V.N.Waghmare V S Nagrare
33.	SIT's meeting in connection with death of farmers / farm labourers due to insecticide poisoning under the chairmanship of Commissioner (Revenue), Amravati Division	Commissioner (Revenue), Amravati Division, at Revenue Bhawan, Amravati. 1 November, 2017, 6 November 2017, 21 November 2017 and 27 November 2017	V.N.Waghmare
34.	Workshop for Liaison Officers of SC/ST organised by Department of Personnel and Training	ISTM, New Delhi. 2 nd to 3 rd November, 2017	S.M Wasnik
35.	SIT's meeting in connection with death of farmers / farm labourers due to	Divisional Commissioner	V.N.Waghmare



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	insecticide poisoning under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner (Revenue) at Akola.	(Revenue) at Akola. 3 November 2017	
36.	Regional Agriculture Workshop organised by Field Publicity Dept, Min of Information & Broadcasting, GOI	Hotel Tuli Imperial, Nagpur 10 Nov. 2017	S.M Wasnik
37.	Brainstorming Session & Assessment Survey to assess the efficacy of mating disruption technology against pink boll worm	UAS, Raichur on November 10, 2017	K. Rameash
38.	Meeting of the Field Inspection & Scientific Evaluation Committee (FISEC) regarding spread of unapproved Herbicide Tolerant (HT) cotton in the country held in	Biosafety Support Unit, Lodhi Road, NBC Building, New Delhi 15 November 2017 & 29 November 2017	V.N.Waghmare
39.	24 th ITMU meeting of Sugarcane breeding Institute	SBI, Coimbatore on November 16, 2017	K Rathinavel
40.	Meeting with DDG on trait value of vBGII	New Delhi 21 Nov 2017	V. S. Nagrare, V. China Babu Naik
41.	Joint Workshop: on "Experience sharing in plant variety protection" under bilateral co-operation between Germany and India on Seed Sector Development	New Delhi, November 21-22 2017	Sunil S. Mahajan
42.	Rural advisory programme committee meeting of AIR	Akashwani, AIR. Nagpur 24 November, 2017	S.M Wasnik
43.	CROPSAP steering committee meeting pink bollworm management in next season chaired by Ag commissioner, Maharashtra	Pune, 29 Nov 2017	V. S. Nagrare,
44.	"INDO-US symposium on Curbing Whitefly-Plant Virus Pandemics: The Departure from Pesticides to Genomics"	PAU Ludhiana 4-5 th Dec 2017.	D. Monga Rishi Kumar,
45.	Meeting of the Committee for Preparing Quality Research Data Acquisition Guidelines	KAB-II, New Delhi, December 05, 2017	MV Venugopalan
46.	Meeting regarding illegal sale of herbicide tolerant cotton crop and decreased resistance of Bt cotton to Pink bollworm under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Secretary, Govt. of Maharashtra	Mantralaya, Mumbai 8 December 2017	V.N.Waghmare



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47.	Consultative Committee meeting of the Cotton Advisory Board and Main Committee Meeting of CAB under the chairmanship of Dr. Kavita Gupta, Textile Commissioner	Mumbai. 11-12 December 2017	V.N.Waghmare M V Venugopalan
48.	International seminar on Global Climate Change: Implications for Agriculture and water sectors	WALMI, Aurangabad, December 14-16,2017	SB Singh JH. Meshram
49.	Review Meeting on “Progress on ZTMC (Zonal Technology Management Centre) Activities in ICAR Crop Research Institutes in the Southern Indian Zone”	IIMR, Hyderabad 16 th Dec. 2017	G. Balasubramani
50.	Review meeting on pink bollworm status and management chaired by Chief Minister of Maharashtra	Nagpur 17 Dec 2017	V.N.Waghmare Nandini Gokte Narkedkar, V. S. Nagrare, V. China Babu Naik
51.	Review Meeting of ICAR Institutes of Nagpur	Ramgiri (CM’s residence), Nagpur December 17, 2017	V N Waghmare, G Balasubramani Suman Bala Singh Raghavendra K.P., Santosh, H. B.
52.	Meeting regarding the discussion of the results obtained under common zonal trials during 2017-18	PAU Ludhiana 18 Dec. 2017	D.Monga S.K.Verma Rishi Kumar
53.	Group Monitoring Workshop organized by Science for Equity, Empowerment and Development (SEED) Division, Department of Science and Technology	Fakir Mohan University, Balasore, December 29-30, 2017	K. Shankarganesh
54.	Visited Buldhana and Jalna in connection with the evaluation of sampling done on HT Bt cotton seeds of the MAHYCO Seed Godown as per the committee constituted by the Director General, ICAR.	Buldhana & Jalna 6-7 January 2018	R K Singh (ADG-CC) V.N.Waghmare M V Venugopalan G Balasubramani
55.	Academia	GTC, Nagpur 11 Jan. 2018	Blaise Desouza
56.	ICAR-CICR Nominee in the central team of 'Field Inspection & Scientific Evaluation Committee' (FISEC) to ascertain the extent of spread of unapproved Herbicide Tolerant (HT) cotton	Cotton growing regions of Gujarat & Telangana January 11-12 2018.	Balasubramani, G. Raghavendra, K. P



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57.	Workshop cum Training on Cluster Front line Demonstration on Pulses and oilseed crops	KVK Solapur (Maharashtra), 16 Jan 2018	RB. Singandhupe
58.	21 days winter school training on Insecticide Resistance to BT toxins and insecticides in cotton,	ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, 18 th January 2018 to 7 th February, 2018	K. Shankarganesh
59.	CAFT training on Recent advances and accomplishments in heterosis breeding	CPBG, TNAU, Coimbatore January 31 February 20, 2018	A. Manivannan
60.	International Conference on Biocontrol and Sustainable Insect Pest Management	Agricultural College and Research Institute, Killikulam, 29-31, January 2018	M. Amutha
61.	ARYA meeting	Gujarat Agricultural University, Navsari, 31 January , 2018	RB. Singandhupe
62.	Meeting w.r.t. Formulation of Price Policy for <i>Kharif</i> season (2018-2019) under the chairmanship of Chairman, Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)	Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi 1-2 February 2018	V.N.Waghmare
63.	13 th meeting of the Inter Regional Network on the Mediterranean and Middle East regions	Luxor, Egypt February 2-6, 2018	S. Usha Rani S.M.Palve, MV Venugopalan
64.	Programme on Competency Enhancement program for effective implementation of training function by HRD Nodal Officer at ICAR	NAARM, Hyderabad Feb.15-17, 2018	JH. Meshram
65.	International Congress on Cotton and other fibres	ICAR research complex for NEH region, Meghalaya February 20-23, 2018	Vinita Gotmare, S M Palve, P. Nalayini, S. Usha Rani, C. Karpagam, K.Shankarganesh, D Monga, OP Tuteja SK Sain, JH. Meshram, Nandini Gokte Narkhedkar
66.	International conference on Emerging synergies in Agriculture, Food processing, Engineering and Biotechnology	Karunya Institute of Technology and Sciences, Coimbatore, February 21-23, 2018	M. Amutha D. Kanjana
67.	National science day celebration	PSG Tech, Coimbatore, February 27, 2018	C. Karpagam



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68.	Tribal Farmers Training program	Dhaga, Karanja Ghadge organized by Suyash Charitable Trust March 5 2018	P R Vijayakumari
69.	Tribal Farmers Training Program	Umred Cluster under Mera Gaon Mera Gaurav of TSP-MSP March 8 2018	Vinita Gotmare A R Raju P R Vijayakumari S M Wasnik Prabhulinga T Chandrashekar N A Manikandan U Galkate R Ramteke
70.	International Conference on “Invigorating Transformation of Farm Extension towards Sustainable Development: Futuristic Challenges and Prospects” INTFES 18	TNAU, Coimbatore March 9-10, 2018	S. Usha Rani
71.	International Extension Conference	TNAU, Coimbatore, March 9-10, 2018	C. Karpagam
72.	Meeting on sponsored programs on Doordarshan, Mumbai	Pune, 13 March 2018	V. S. Nagrare
73.	National Workshop on ‘Revisiting FOCARS: Reflections and Feedback of Trained Scientists’	ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad. March 15-16, 2018	Neelkanth Hiremani
74.	National Food Security Mission “programme of Maharashtra	Mantralaya Mumbai, 17 Mar 2018	RB. Singandhupe
75.	International Cotton Conference	Bremen , Germany March 21-23, 2018	D.V.Patil
76.	State Level Biosafety Capacity Building Workshop	TNAU, Coimbatore March 23, 2018	S. Manickam
77.	Meeting on pink bollworm resistance on BGII cotton	Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi	V.N.Waghmare A H Prakash Nandini Narkhedkar B Dhara Jothi V S Nagrare V Chinna Babu Naik D Monga Rishi Kumar

Field days

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01	Field day on cotton in villages adopted by Better Cotton Initiative (BCI)	02.08.2017 at Bharu Khera (100 farmers), Ganga (150farmers) Abubshahar (150farmers)	Dr. D.Monga and Dr Rishi Kumar
02	Field day on cotton in BCI adopted villages	03.08.2017 at Chatha(70), Desu (100), Sakta Khera(50)	Dr D.Monga and Dr Rishi Kumar
03	Field day on cotton organized by Department of Agriculture, Sirsa	28.09.2017 at Gauriwala (Sirsa)	Dr Rishi Kumar
04	Field day on cotton organized by Rasi Seeds	09.10.2018 at Matdadu (Sirsa)	Dr D.Monga and Dr Rishi Kumar

10.7: Distinguished Visitors

Nagpur

Ethiopian Delegation headed by Asfawesen Alene, DG, EIIDE and other officials representing EIIDE, ETIDI and CPGEA visited ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on 3 May, 2017 to understand the production and post harvest technologies, value addition, pricing and marketing structure



Name & Designation	Organisation	Date
Coimbatore		
Dr. M. S. Kairon	Former Director, ICAR- CICR, Nagpur	11th April 2017
Dr. S. V. Sarode	Former Director of Research, PDKV, Akola	11th April 2017
Dr. Asfawesen Alene	DG, EIIDE	3rd May 2017
Sh. Radha Mohan Singh	Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare	4th June, 2017
Dr. R. K. Singh	ADG (Commercial Crops)	18th August 2017
Dr. C.D. Mayee	Former Chairman, ASRB	9th September 2017
Dr. A.K. Singh	Deputy Director General (CS)	15th September 2017
Shri Sadabhau Khot	Hon'ble State Minister of Maharashtra for Agriculture & Horticulture	12th December 2017
Shri. Bijay Kumar	Principal Secretary (Agriculture), Maharashtra State	25th January, 2018
Shri. S. P. Singh	Agriculture commissioner, Maharashtra State	25th January, 2018

Sirsa

Visit of Monitoring teams at ICAR-CICR Regional Station, Sirsa.

AICRP Monitoring Team

The monitoring team comprising of Dr S.M. Palve, (Plant Breeding), Dr N.V.S. Durga Prasad, Senior Scientist (Entomology), Dr K.B. Pawar, Junior Pathologist and Dr. C. Karpagam, Senior Scientist (Agricultural Extension) visited ICAR-CICR Regional Station, Sirsa on 07.10.2017



Monitoring team for AICRP Trial on cotton during field visit