

## Kapas Mela-2019

ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur organizes one day Kapas Mela-2019 for cotton growing farmers of Maharashtra on 29 November at its campus CICR, Nagpur, Dr. SA Patil, Former Director, IARI, New Delhi was the Chief Guests for the inaugural session. The Guests of Honour were Dr. Sharad Nimbalkar, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. P.D.K.V., Akola, Dr M.S. Kairon, Former Director, CICR, Nagpur, Shri R. P. Singh, Director, Directorate of Cotton Development, Nagpur; Shri. Ravindra Bhosle, JDA Nagpur and Sh Suresh Gaikwad Regional Manager, Maahabeej Nagpur Dr. V. N. Waghmare, Director, CICR, Nagpur, & Dr S. M. Wasnik, Principal Scientist (Extension) & Organizing Secretary of Kapas Mela shared the dias. Earlier, Dr. V. N. Waghmare, Director, CICR, Nagpur, gave inaugural speech. On the occasion different CICR publications/magazines/brochures: Souvenir Cotton Mela & Agil Exhibitions 2019 and other publication were released.

Seven Champion cotton farmers, who successfully implemented CICR technologies shared their experiences and were felicitated. A gallery exhibiting 29 stalls with agricultural and other innovative technologies were put on display by CICR, other city based ICAR institutes viz ICAR- NBSS & LUP Nagpur, ICAR- CIRCOT GTC Nagpur, private sector companies also displayed their stalls in Kapas Mela Cum - Exhibitions. The Cotton Mela was attended by around 2500 farmers from different parts of Maharashtra who were provided

with information about advanced technology on cotton farming. Farmers were also taken to fields to showcase improved public sector cotton varieties and cotton farming technologies. Experts' talks on current situations and remedies and solutions were arranged under the chairmanship of Dr M. S. Kairon to provide guidance on: Improved cotton production practices, Varieties,, Integrated management for major cotton insect pests, especially Pink Bollworm, 'e-Kapas' Information on Central & State Govt Schemes and Future cotton trading & awareness programme on cotton price risk management. The Mela was highly appreciated by the farmers. At the end all exhibitors including sponsors were felicitated with awarding certificates at the hands of Director CICR Nagpur, HODs and Organizing Team. Dr S. M. Wasnik, Principal Scientist (Extension) & Incharge KVK CICR & Organizing Secretary of the programme proposed the vote of thanks.



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