

**ICAR-CICR and Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Nagpur organized
Krishi Unnati Mela & Scientists – Farmers Interface Meet
17th March, 2018**

One day Agri-Exhibition cum Scientists – Farmers Interface Meet was held at ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on 17th March, 2018 as a part of nationwide Scientist and farmers interface meet on occasions of Krishi Unnati Mela inaugurated by Hon. Prime Minister of India at ICAR headquarter Pusa, New Delhi. The programme was inaugurated at the hands of VIPs namely Dr. Rajiv Podar, District president (Rural) BJP, Shree Dilip Jadhao and Corporator of Nagpur NMC Sh Avinash Thakre. Dr. Vijay Waghmare, Director (Acting) ICAR-CICR, Nagpur in his opening remarks mentioned that the programme was organized in view of doubling the income of farmers through dissemination of advanced technology of cotton farming developed by ICAR-CICR and urged the participants to take the benefit of technology exhibition and lecture series organized during the event. Dr. Poddar observed that the socio-economic development of farmer can be possible by bringing awareness about the Government schemes and technologies developed which ultimately boost the confidence of the farmers. Shree Dilip Jadhao emphasized on the agri- processing of small scale industries by encouraging the rural youth. Sh Avinash Thakre, Corporator stressed upon the demand of value added farm products used in urban areas. Smt Pradnya Golghate Divisional suppt Agril Officer, Govt of Maharashtra, Nagpur asked the farmers to go for crop rotation and mixed farming to maintain the fertility of the soil and reap more income simultaneously. Shri Milind Shende, SAO Nagpur urged the farmers to smartly select the available Government schemes for the better benefits for the farming.



After the inaugural session the live webcast of Hon. Prime Minister Address to the Farmers, Agricultural Scientists and Other Stake holders in Krishi Unnati Mela – 2018 was arranged to show the live message to visiting participants attended the function. Prime Minister after opening the agri-exhibition in his address asks the farmers to visit exhibition stalls.



In ICAR-CICR Agri-Exhibition was organized to get farmers an opportunity to see various technologies developed by ICAR-CICR showcased for the farmers. A series of lectures were organized in the Scientists-Farmers interface meet. Dr. A. Raju, Principal Scientist (Agronomy) delivered a talk on “improved cotton production techniques”. Detailed overview of problem of pink bollworm infestation in Bt cotton and integrated strategies for its management was presented by Dr. Vishlesh Nagarare, Principal Scientist (Agril. Entomology), Dr. Babasaheb B. Fand, Scientist (Agril. Entomology) guided the farmers on safe handling of pesticides while Dr S.M. Wasnik, Principal Scientist (Extension) delivered talk on e-Kapas: An ICT initiative of CICR. Around 1000 farmer, State Agril Dept officials and other stake holders participated in this day long function. Dr Disuza, I/C HOD Crop Production,, Dr Nandini Gogte Narkhedkar I/C HOD Crop Protection were also present on the dais. Dr S.M. Wasnik, Principal Scientist (Extension) as well as Dr Singandhupe, I/C KVK were the organizing secretary of the programme. Dr. Babasaheb B. Fand compared the programme.