



## Krishi Vigyan Kendra & ICAR-CICR, Nagpur celebrates 'Mahila Kisan Diwas' Oct. 15, 2020



In line with the United Nations decision to observe Oct 15 as International Day of Rural Women, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has decided to observe **Oct 15 as Mahila Kisan Diwas**. The aim of this day is to recognize and acknowledge the exemplary contribution of rural women in the field of agriculture, food and nutritional security, health and hygiene, encouraging rural savings and alleviating poverty. **The theme of the celebrations this year is Building rural women's resilience during Covid-19.**

Speaking on this occasion, Dr. Y G Prasad, Director highlighted the role of women farmers and farm labour in agriculture. He pointed out that cotton is a labour intensive crop and more than 70% of the farm operations in the cotton field are performed by women. The hybrid seed cotton production industry is heavily dependent on women for crossing and seed production activities. He urged the scientists gathered, to develop technologies that would reduce drudgery in farm operations. He further added that farm women need to be educated about the waiting period after the application of pesticides before the produce can be harvested and about the need for clean cotton picking.



On this occasion, the KVK of ICAR-CICR, Nagpur organized "Shetkari Mahila Diwas" in Gumgaon Village , Hingna Taluka , Nagpur District. The Chief Guest of the programme was Smt Neeta Walke, Zilla Parishad Member. The other Guest of Honours were Smt. Pushpa Bawane Sarpanch Gumgaon, Smt. Shobha Ashtankar, Hingna Panchayat Samiti Member. Smt. Sunita Chauhan, SMS (Home Science) highlighted the contribution of farm women in the field of agriculture and income generation through various Self Help Groups. In the programme, Dr. SM Wasnik, Head, KVK, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur felicitated the Farm Women. A total of 60 Farm Women participated in the programme.

