



कृषि विज्ञान केन्द्र  
आईसीएआर-केंद्रीय कपास अनुसंधान संस्थान, नागपुर  
**Krishi Vigyan Kendra**  
**ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur**

**Scientific Advisory Committee Meeting Held at KVK, CICR, Nagpur**

The 29th meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) was conducted at the Seminar Hall of ICAR-CICR, Nagpur on August 21, 2024.

The meeting was chaired by Dr. Y. G. Prasad, who reviewed the progress and ongoing activities of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) with SAC members.

Dr. Y. G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur and Chairman highlighted the need to focus on the up scaling of closer spacing and High-Density Planting System (HDPS) cotton in various tehsils of the district, in collaboration with the state agriculture department. He also stressed the importance of promoting climate-resilient agricultural technologies in partnership with relevant line departments and assured for a district-specific action plan for cotton production.

Dr. S. K. Shukla, Director, CIRCOT, Mumbai emphasized the upcoming celebration of CIRCOT's 100-year journey. He urged for increased farmer participation in training programs focused on clean and quality cotton production, adoption of varieties with higher ginning percentages, and improvements in cotton storage to reduce contamination. He also advocated for the development of custom hiring centres and value addition of cotton stalks.

Dr. Syed Shakir Ali, Principal Scientist at ICAR-ATARI, Pune, elaborated on ATARI's role in monitoring and funding KVK activities. He emphasized the need for demonstration and scaling up of DADA Lad cotton production technology in collaboration with the KVK network.

Dr. Ramkrushna G. I., Senior Scientist and Head of KVK, CICR, Nagpur, presented the action taken report for the past year and the action plan for the current year. His presentation included plans for on-farm trials, frontline demonstrations, training programs for women, rural youth, extension functionaries, and farmers, as well as the progress of agro-meteorological advisory services in the district.

Mr. Milind Shende, Divisional Superintendent Agriculture Officer, Nagpur division, suggested demonstrating the cultivation of various exotic Cole crops for crop diversification and conducting trials on Nano DAP for various crops. He also recommended advising on suitable crops for cultivation after the picking of short-duration cotton varieties in December.

Mr. Mahendra Dhawale, Director of Sericulture, Nagpur, called for training programs to raise awareness about sericulture for sustainable agricultural income and pledged participation from sericulture officials.

Mrs. Archana Kadu, Project Director of ATMA, emphasized the need for collaboration with KVK on training programs related to citrus bud grafting, packaging materials, SOPs for Biochar, and strengthening Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

Dr. Manjusha Pundlik, Deputy Commissioner, Animal husbandry requested assistance from KVK, Nagpur-I for livestock treatment to organize infertility treatment camps across various tehsils of Nagpur district.

Dr. Sariput Landge, In-charge of KVK, Nagpur-II, proposed incorporating the use of sexed semen from Desi breeds like Gir and Sahiwal in on-farm trials, alongside trials using sexed semen from exotic breeds such as Holstein Friesian and Jersey.

Mr. Manoj Jain, Programme Coordinator at Doordarshan, suggested creating and documenting success stories of KVK and CICR interventions for broader publicity.

Mr. Praveen Kumar, Scientist at IMD, RMC, Nagpur, requested KVK's collaboration in preparing SOPs for conditions of above-normal rainfall in Vidarbha.

The meeting was attended by a range of experts and stakeholders including Dr. G.T, Behere, Head, Division of Crop Protection, CICR, Dr. Arjun Tayade, Head, Division of Crop production, CICR, P.S. Chnichole, IMD, Nagpur, Dr. S. W. Kolte, Associate Dean, MAFSU, Dr. S. S. Patil, Retd. KVK, SMS, progressive farmers Mr. Lode, Mr. Pradeep Banait and Mr. Saurabh Magre, Mrs. Sachin Ladole, Programme coordinator, All India Radio, Dr. R. K. Naitam, Senior Scientist, ICAR-NBSS&LUP, Dr. G. Balasubramanian, Dr. Kavita More, DAHO, ZP, Nagpur, Dr. R. S. Waghmare, College of Agriculture, Nagpur, Mrs. D. V. Kumbhar, SDAO, Nagpur, Sachin Somankar, Director, FPO, Hingna, Dr. U.V. Galkate, Mrs. Sunita Chauhan, Dr. Deepa Lal, Dr. Mayur Meshram, Dr. Sachin Wankhede, Dr. P .B. Deulkar, A.M. Kawle, Mr. Vijay Mogare, Ananta Sherkar, P. S. Gayakwad, Mr. Amol Raghorte, Rajesh Giradkar were present in the meeting.

The meeting concluded with various suggestions from the SAC members, which were discussed in detail. The Head of KVK assured that the suggestions would be incorporated into the KVK's action plan for the current year.

Mrs. Sunita Chauhan, SMS of KVK, delivered the welcome address, and Dr. U.V. Galkate, SMS of KVK, proposed the vote of thanks.



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