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To  
The Editor,  
Sir,

Date: 06.04.2022

I request that the following message may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

**TNAU conducts “Fifty years of Cotton Hybrid Technology and  
ICAR- AICRP on Cotton Annual Group Meeting”**

The three days programme on “Fifty years of Cotton Hybrid Technology and ICAR- AICRP on Cotton Annual Group Meeting” organized by ICAR-All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Cotton, Coimbatore in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU), Coimbatore and Indian Society for Cotton Improvement (ISCI), Mumbai was inaugurated today(06.04.2022) at Anna Auditorium, TNAU, Coimbatore by distinguished guests in the presence of galaxy of cotton researchers and other stake holders from seed and textile industries.

The gathering was welcomed by Dr.A.J.Shaikh, Chairman, ISCI, Mumbai and the programme was inaugurated by Dr.V.Geethalakshmi, Vice Chancellor, TNAU. In her inaugural address, Vice Chancellor specified the importance of cotton crop and the role of hybrid cotton in yield improvement. She further emphasized that the future prospects of cotton must include the technology revolution like ICT based technologies with low input and maximum use efficiency and the gap existing between scientist and farmers should to be addressed.

The presidential address was given by Dr.Trilochan Mohapatra, Secretary, DARE & Director General, ICAR, New Delhi and he insisted about the achievement of cotton

cultivation by using GM based cotton hybrids. He further detailed about the development of disruptive technologies for high density planting, single picking, suitable for mechanized harvest and Genomics assisted breeding. He urged upon the cotton scientists to dwell deep into aspects of cotton breeding, production and protection technologies and come out with solutions for improving the cotton productivity.

Dr.T.R. Sharma, DDG (CS), ICAR, New Delhi has delivered the introductory remarks and he insisted upon developing pre-breeding lines for genetic divergence and the inclusion of “Product Profile” in breeding objectives of cotton. Dr.R.K.Singh, ADG (CC), ICAR,New Delhi delivered special address to the gathering and he pointed out the importance of innovative technologies and its significant role in cotton yield improvement.

The guests of honour Dr.P.K.Chakrabarthy, Member, ASRB, New Delhi, Dr.C.D.Mayee, President, ISCI, Mumbai and Dr.S.A.Patil, Rtd.Professor, UAS, Dharwad, delivered the introductory remarks.Dr Y.G. Prasad, Director, ICAR-CICR, Nagpur, Dr. (Mrs.) Sujata Saxena, Director, ICAR-CIRCOT, Mumbai and Dr (Mrs.) G. Hema Prabha, Director, ICAR-SBI, Coimbatore and Dr. K.S. Subramanian, Director of Research, TNAU also graced the occasion. Dr.A.H.Prakash, ProgrammeCoordinator, AICRP on Cotton, CICR-Regional Station, Coimbatore proposed formal vote of thanks.

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