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Sorghum stall at ICAR Foundation day

NRCS set up a sorghum stall in the exhibition entitled "Agro-food & value-added products" organized by the ICAR on the eve of its foundation day at New Delhi from 16-17 July 2007. More than 500 dignitaries including the Hon'ble Union Agricultural Minister Sh. Sharad Pawar, Dr. Mangala Rai, DG



The DG, Dr. Mangala Rai, discussing with the Hon'ble Union Agriculture Minister, Shri Sharad Pawar on latest sorghum cultivars released by NRCS

ICAR, Dr. SP Tiwari, DDG (CS), Dr. SN Shukla, ADG (FFC) participated. Directors of many ICAR institutes, and scientists and agriculture officers from various SAUs visited the sorghum stall. The visitors showed keen interest in the new cultivars and newly developed technologies, especially on the innovative products developed from sorghum grain and stalk. The stall was organized by NRCS along with Rural Development Society, an NGO, Wanaparathi, and Sunira Food Products, Kolkata. The importance of sorghum as health and nutritious food was explained to the visitors and relevant literature was distributed. Dr. C Shashidhar Reddy and Mr. D Gopala Krishna represented NRCS.

Two-day stakeholders' workshop on NAIP project

The concept note on project entitled "Food, nutritional security and income enhancement through diversification and value-

समाचार सारांश

रा.ज्वा.अनु.कें. श्रेष्ठ वार्षिक रिपोर्ट पुरस्कार से सम्मानित : राष्ट्रीय ज्वार अनुसंधान केंद्र को वर्ष 2005-06 हेतु श्रेष्ठ वार्षिक रिपोर्ट पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया। डॉ. मंगलाराय जी, महानिदेशक, भा.कृ.अनु.प. ने 16 जुलाई, 2007 को एन.ए.एस. सी; भा.कृ.अनु.प. में आयोजित निदेशक सम्मेलन के दौरान निदेशक, रा.ज्वा.अनु.कें. को शील्ड एवं प्रमाण-पत्र प्रदान किया।

एन.ए.आई.पी. परियोजना पर दो दिवसीय पणधारक कार्यशाला : "मिल्लेट्स की विविधता तथा मूल्य संवर्धन के माध्यम से खाद्य, पोषण सुरक्षा तथा आय बढ़ाना" नामक परियोजना के आगामी विकास व समीक्षा हेतु वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करने के लिए राष्ट्रीय कृषि नवोन्मेष परियोजना को सक्षम प्राधिकारी द्वारा विचार करने हेतु एक संकल्पना-पत्र प्रस्तुत किया गया। संपूर्ण प्रस्ताव तैयार करने के लिए रा.ज्वा.अनु.कें. में 2-3 जुलाई 2007 को एक, दो दिवसीय पणधारक कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया।

भारत में पादप किस्म संरक्षण के सिद्धांत एवं कार्य पर कार्यशाला : रा.ज्वा.अनु.कें. में 24-27 जुलाई, 2007 के दौरान "भारत में पादप किस्म संरक्षण के सिद्धांत एवं कार्य" पर एक प्रशिक्षण-सह-कार्यशाला का आयोजन किया गया। इस कार्यक्रम के आयोजन का उद्देश्य बौद्धिक संपदा अधिकार के मुद्दों, जैव-विविधता तथा पादप किस्म संरक्षण अधिनियम, बीज उद्योग तथा अखिल भारतीय समन्वित ज्वार उन्नयन परियोजना केंद्रों के वैज्ञानिकों के लाभार्थ, सार्वजनिक तथा निजी क्षेत्र में प्रमुख विचार-विनिमय को बढ़ाने हेतु आयोजित किया गया।

भा.कृ.अनु.प. स्वायत्त विभाग के अध्यक्ष एवं पंचायत समिति : भा.कृ.अनु.प. द्वारा अपने स्वायत्त विभाग के अध्यक्ष एवं पंचायत समिति में 13-17 जुलाई 2007 को "कृषि शासन एवं मूल्य नियंत्रण" नामक आयोजित कार्यशाला में राष्ट्रीय ज्वार अनुसंधान केंद्र में प्रमुख अतिथि का रूप में (DRCS) की अतिरिक्त पणधारक कार्यशाला में इस विभाग का निरीक्षण किया।

मिल्लेट्स अनुसंधान संघ के कार्यकारिणी समिति की बैठक : मिल्लेट्स अनुसंधान संघ के कार्यकारिणी समिति की 13 वीं बैठक 03 जुलाई, 2007 को आयोजित की गई। जिसमें संघ की सदस्यता पत्रों, मिल्लेट्स अनुसंधान संघ पत्रिका की प्रकाशन व्यवस्था के औद्योगिक विकास तथा औद्योगिक उत्पादन हेतु संघर्ष पर विचार-विमर्श किया गया।

अ.भा.स.ज्वा.उ.प.परि. समाचार : अ.भा.स.ज्वा.उ.प.परि. के प्रवर्ती अधिकारियों के सलाहकार समूह की बैठक : रा.ज्वा.अनु.कें. में 28 जुलाई 2007 को अ.भा.स.ज्वा.उ.प.परि. केंद्रों के प्रवर्ती अधिकारियों के सलाहकार समूह की बैठक संभव हुई।

संस्थान को तकनीकी कर्मचारियों के सप्ताह बैठक : निदेशक के सलाह संस्थान के तकनीकी कर्मचारियों की एक बैठक 11 जुलाई, 2007 को संभव हुई।

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addition of millets" submitted to the National Agricultural

Innovation Project (NAIP) for funding has been considered for further development and review by the competent authority. A two-day stakeholders' workshop was held at NRCS, Hyderabad



Dr. JP Mittal, National Coordinator, NAIP making a point during the meeting

during July 23, 2007 to refine the project proposal. Dr. JP Mittal, National Coordinator (Component II), NAIP facilitated the workshop, which was also graced by the National Director Dr. Mrithyunjaya. About 40 participants, (including experts nominated by NAIP, NGOs, Industry personnel, etc) across the country participated in this workshop.

Workshop on "Theory and practice of plant variety protection in India"

A learning workshop on "Theory and practice of plant variety protection in India" was organized at NRCS from 24-27 July, 2007, to create awareness on IPR issues, Biodiversity and PVP Acts, for the benefit of seed industry and scientists from centres of All India Coordinated Research Project on Sorghum. This event also stimulates interaction between public and private sectors. The training was attended by 32 delegates representing the cross-section of the major private and public sector seed companies, and agricultural universities. The delegates studied the process of filling the PVP forms and discussed intricacies involved. Dr. KS Varapasad, Officer in-



Dr. S Maurya, ADG (IPR), ICAR stressing upon the significance of Indian legislations, IPR protection and plant variety protection mechanisms in his valedictory address

charge, NBPGR-RS, Hyderabad, inaugurated this programme and released the training manual entitled "Theory and practice of Plant Variety Protection in India". The training programme encompassed four major themes : changing context of IPR, legalities in patents, trademarks and PVP, ICAR's policy for commercialization of technologies. Intricacies in filling PPV forms, and Indian and international patent litigations were also discussed. Dr. S Maurya, ADG (IPR), ICAR in his valedictory address, stressed upon the significance of Indian legislations. This training programme was coordinated by Drs. Vilas A Tonapi and M Elangovan. The recommendations that emerged during sessions are being posted at NRCS website: www.nrjowar.res.in and the proceedings circulated soon.

NRCS receives Best Annual Report Award



The "Best Annual Report Award" for the year 2005-06 was bagged by the National Research Centre for Sorghum. Dr. Mangala Rai, presented the shield and certificate to the Director, NRCS on 16 July 2007 during the



Directors' conference held at NASC auditorium, New Delhi.

AICSIP NEWS

Consultative group meeting with officer-in-charges of AICSIP

The consultative group meeting with officers in-charge of



The AICSIP consultative group meet in progress

AICSIP centers was held on 23 July 2007 at NRCS. The group discussed on the priorities for sorghum improvement under AICSIP during XI-plan period. Dr N Seetharama, Director NRCS and PC, AICSIP elaborated on issues and sought feedback from the centers. In the context of stiff competition from many private sector hybrids, AICSIP should reorient itself to deliver through quality research and team work. During the afternoon session, under the chairmanship of Dr Vittal Sharma the group reviewed sub-projects to be taken during XI plan period. A total of 15 sub-projects covering all sorghum growing areas in the country were reviewed and discussed for further improvement. The meeting was coordinated by Drs VR Bhagwat, VA Tonapi, C Aruna, M Elangovan and Chari Appaji.

Executive-body meeting of Society for Millets Research

The IV executive body meeting of "Society for Millets Research" was held on 03 July 2007. Dr. NGP Rao, (President), IS Khairwal, PC- AICRP on Pearl Millets (Vice-President) Drs. KT Krishne Gowda, PC – AICRP on Small Millets (Joint Secretary), Y Yogeshwar Rao (All executive



The executive body meeting of "Society for Millets Research" in progress

members), Dr. N Seetharama, (General Secretary), Dr. A Sitaram, (Editor, *Journal of Millets Research*), and Vilas A Tonapi, (Treasurer) also participated in this meeting. Enhancing membership of the society, launching of the journal, liaison with the industry better utilization of sorghum were identified as priorities.

Meeting with Technical staff

The 14th meeting of technical staff with the Director was held on 11 July 2007 to discuss various issues such as in-house training programmes for technical staff on basic computer skills, transfers across different campuses of NRCS, and improvement of work standards at NRCS. A total of 23 staff members participated in the deliberations. Dr. TGN Rao, coordinator, for work allocation also participated in the deliberations. The proceedings of the meeting are posted in the NRCS intranet. The group congratulated the trio - P Subhakar, G Ramulu and P Prakash who volunteered to serve at Warangal station, for a period of one year each.

Scientists promoted

Based on the Departmental Promotion Committee (DPC) and concurrence of the council, the following staff members were promoted from Scientist (Sr. Scale) to Sr. Scientist: Drs. N Kannababu, R Madhusudhana, IK Das, AV Umakanth, and M Elangovan. Dr. PG Padmaja was promoted to Scientist (Sr. Scale). *Congratulations to all.*

visitors

Dr. BV Subba Reddy and Dr. A Ashok, both sorghum breeders from ICRISAT visited NRCS on 9 July 07. The team had discussion with the Director and Drs. SS Rao, B Dayakar



Deliberations on development of joint research proposals in progress

Rao and CV Ratnavathi on development of joint research proposals on sweet sorghum.

Shri Vinayak Patil, President, Bharat Vikas Pratishthan, Kawatha village, near Omerga, Osmanabad district of Maharashtra visited on 30 July, 07. Director and Scientists briefed him about the ongoing sorghum research activities,



Shri Vinayak Patil, President, Bharat Vikas Pratishthan, Kawatha village, deliberating with staff of NRCS

especially on rabi sorghum, sweet sorghum and other alternate uses. He was also provided with the latest literature on sorghum in Marathi.

Fifty farmers including 12 women farmers from the ATMA group of MANAGE led by Mr. K Naganathan from Krishnagiri district of Tamilnadu visited NRCS on 31 July 07. The purpose



Dr. Shashidhar Reddy explaining visitors about the latest innovations in sorghum production technology

of the visit was to expose them to new technological innovations, farm management, and other issues in agriculture. Dr. C Sashidhar Reddy briefed the ongoing research activities, package and practice of production and protection technologies for Kharif and Rabi seasons. The importance of sorghum as health food was explained to the visitors and relevant literature was distributed.

Meeting (M)/ Symposia (S)/ Workshop (W)/ Training (T) / Conference (C) attended

S. No	Name of the official	Participated in	Type	Venue	Date
1	N Seetharama	Directors' Conference	C	NASC complex, New Delhi	16-18 July, 07
2	M Elangovan	National consultation workshop on "Agro biodiversity hotspots and access and benefit sharing"	W	Annamalai University, Chidambaram.	19-20 July, 2007
3	CV Ratnavathi & B Dayakar Rao	NAIP planning meeting for Pearl millet	M	RAU, Bikaner	24-26 July, 07
4	B Dayakar Rao	NAIP planning meeting for Finger millet	M	UAS, Bangalore	26-28 July, 07

Official Tours

S. No	Name of the Official	Place visited	Dates	Purpose
1	Chari Appaji	Mahabubnagar	7 July, 07	Sowing of sorghum trials under linkage with BAIF.
2	C Sashidhar Reddy & D Gopala Krishna	New Delhi	13-20 July, 07	To install sorghum stall at Exhibition organized on the eve of ICAR foundation day
3	HS Talwar & AV Umakanth	Warangal	13 July, 07	For sowings of trials on screening for salinity tolerance , Warangal and sowing of dual-purpose trials
4	S Ravi Kumar	Palem	16 July, 07	Visit of agronomy trials and to observe video coverage by Doordarshan, Hyderabad
5	N Seetharama	New Delhi	23-27 July, 07	Member of selection committee for promotions conducted by ASRB

Thought for the month

Failure is only a postponed success as long as courage coaches ambitions. The habit of persistence is the habit of victory
– Herbert Kaufman.

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