



## Happenings at NRC for Sorghum, and AICSIP news

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### Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) Meeting

The NRCS Quinquennial Review Team met on 23 of May 2006 under the chairmanship of Dr. SN Puri,



*Dr. SN Puri, chairman, QRT discussing the progress made during 2000-04 at NRCS*



*Dr. SN Puri, Chairman, and other members of the QRT team being explained ongoing research in transgenics by Mr. Balakrishna*

Honorable VC, Central Agricultural University, Manipur and Chairman, QRT of NRCS along with other

distinguished members. Dr. A. Sitaram, former PC, AICSMIP, Dr. NP Saxena, Hyderabad, Dr. SS Rao, Sr. Scientist at NRCS, and Member secretary.

Dr. Seetharama in his introductory remarks appraised the committee about the progress made during the tenure of this QRT from 2000 -2004. All the scientists presented progress and achievement under each project and participated in the deliberations. The team also visited fields and laboratories of biotechnology and alternate uses. The QRT team was provided with latest documents, reports and literature prepared as per the Council's guidelines. The members critically reviewed the progress made by each scientist and suggested means to improve the standards of research for a total positive impact to increase sorghum productivity.

### Sorghum Annual Group Meeting at Parbhani

The 36<sup>th</sup> annual sorghum group meeting of All India Coordinated Sorghum Improvement Project (AICSIP) was conducted at Marathwada Agricultural University, Parbhani during 11-13 May, 2006. The inaugural function was chaired by Dr. SS Kadam, Hon'ble VC,



*Inaugural session of 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Sorghum Meet in progress*

MAU, and Dr. SN Shukla, ADG (FFC) was the chief guest. A total of 200 participants including scientists from AICSIP centres, NRCS, IARI, IGRI, CRIDA, ICRI, private seed industry, and non-governmental organizations enthusiastically participated. Progress reports from various disciplines were presented by the scientists. The work at coordinating centres was reviewed. In addition, following presentations were also made on current efforts in sorghum improvement, food safety and popularization of sorghum uses and marketing, strategies for rabi sorghum Improvement, multi-cut forage sorghums; Initiatives on dual-purpose sorghum were made. Dr. NGP Rao, former chairman, ASRB, Dr. SN Puri, VC, Central Agricultural University and Chairman, QRT of NRCS, Dr. Narendra Kumar, Asst. Director, DMD, Jaipur and Dr. ST Borikar, Director of Research, MAU also participated in the discussion. Dr. MB Misal, Sr. Sorghum Breeder, MAU was the organizing secretary. Dr. Chari Appaji, coordinated the meeting from NRCS .

The Director NRCS, in his report reiterated the need for dedicated efforts and quality research. Dr. Chari Appaji thanked ICAR, MAU, guests and all individual participants for making the workshop a success. One of the major outcome is the identification of a single-cut forage variety SRF 286. Complete proceedings of this annual group meeting are being dispatched separately.

### Inauguration of Society for Millets Research

The society for millets research was officially inaugurated on 12 May, 06 in the presence of Dr. SS Kadam, VC, MAU Parbhani and Dr. SN Puri, VC, central Agricultural University, Imphal. Dr. NGP Rao, President of the society spoke on rise and fall of millets, including strategies and avenues for millets development and utilization in his presidential address. Dr. SN Shukla, ADG (F & FC) ICAR was the guest of honour. The inaugural souvenir entitled "Strategies for Millets Development" was released and logo of the society was also unveiled on this occasion.



*Dr. SS Kadam, VC, MAU, Parbhani, releasing the inaugural souvenir*

Dr. N Seetharama, secretary of the society welcomed the gathering and explained on the activities and envisaged programmes of the society. Dr. Vilas A. Tonapi, treasurer of the society proposed vote of thanks. Other office bearers of the society Dr. Belum VS Reddy and Y Yogeshwar Rao also participated.

### SRC Review Meeting

A special SRC meeting was held on 24 May, 2006 at NRCS to review the work done in Agronomy, Physiology and Extension divisions. This was chaired by Dr. IV Subba Rao, Chairman, RAC & Ex VC ANGRAU. The special invitees were Drs. NP Saxena, Member QRT, KL



*Padmashri Dr. IV Subbarao and experts participating in the SRC review meet on agronomy and related areas*

Sharawat, and Piara Singh from ICRISAT, KPR Vitthal, and Subba Reddy from CRIDA, and DD Reddy, ANGRAU. Director NRCS welcomed the Chairman, special invitees and presented the review of work done at

NRCS, future R & D to be carried out in the fields of Agronomy, Physiology and Extension.

The area leaders presented their overviews and objectives of the projects. The members reviewed the progress and offered suggestions which are under further study. Dr. SS Rao and his teammates G Syam Prasad, HS Talwar coordinated this meeting. Proceedings will be circulated separately.

### Release of Publications during AGM 06

Five books from NRCS and four publications from MAU, Parbhani were released at the 36<sup>th</sup> annual sorghum group meeting, Parbhani during 11 -13 May 2006. The books were released by the following dignitaries:

#### **Indhiyavil chola araichiyam athan mepadum (Tamil)**

**(Sorghum research and development in India)**

**Authors:** Drs. K Ganesh Murthy, M Elangovan, R Velazahan, K Ponnuswamy, Vilas A Tonapi and N Seetharama

**Released by:** Dr. NGP Rao, Former Vice Chancellor, MAU, Parbhani; ASRB Chairman and President, Society for Millets Research

#### **Jowar utpadhan thakneek evam vaikalpik upayog (Hindi)**

**(Sorghum production technology and alternate uses)**

**Authors:** Drs. Pushpendra Singh, Harish Kumar, Vittal Sharma, Hussain, Kusum Mathur and DK Jain

**Released by:** Dr. SN Shukla, Assistant Director General (FFC), ICAR

#### **Jola: Bharatadalli samshodhane mattu abhivridhiya samagra avalokana (Kannada)**

**(Analysis of sorghum research and development in India)**

**Authors:** Drs. BD Biradar, RA Balikai, Vilas A Tonapi, Prabhakar, M Elangovan and N Seetharama

**Released by:** Dr. ST Borikar, Director of Research, MAU, Parbhani

#### **Achievements of sorghum under NATP**

**Authors:** Drs. SV Rao, S Indira and N Seetharama

**Released by:** Dr. SS Kadam, Vice Chancellor, MAU, Parbhani

#### **Pedigree database on sorghum elite breeding stocks: AICSIP 1975-2005**

**Authors:** Drs. Vilas A Tonapi, M Elangovan, KV Raghavendra Rao, AV Umakanth and N Seetharama

**Released by:** Dr. SN Puri, Vice Chancellor, Central Agricultural University, Imphal and Chairman, QRT-NRCS



### **Sorghum research achievement**

**Authors:** Dr. SS Ambekar and co-workers  
**Released by:** Dr. NGP Rao, Former Vice Chancellor, MAU, Parbhani; Ex-Chairman, ASRB and President, Society for Millets Research

### **Parental line development in sorghum**

**Authors:** Dr. SS Ambekar and co-workers  
**Released by:** Dr. Shivpuji, Dean of faculty and Director of Extension, MAU, Parbhani

### **Rabi sorghum production technology**

**Authors:** Sorghum Research Station, MAU, Parbhani  
**Released by:** Dr. SN Puri, Vice Chancellor, Central Agricultural University, Imphal and Chairman, QRT-NRCS

### **WTO & IPR – Selected lectures**

**Authors:** Drs. ST Borikar and BV Gujar  
**Released by:** Dr. N Seetharama, Director, NRCS

### **Departmental Promotions**

Under the provisions of the administrative service rules and recommendations of the Departmental Promotion Committee, Smt. N Kanaka Durga, Jr. Stenographer was promoted to the post of Personal Assistant (PA) from 1 May 2006. The committee has also given clearance to the probation of Sh. V Anjaneyulu, w.e.f. 16 April 2006 in the grade of Assistant. Congratulations to both!

### **K Lakshminarayana retires**

Shri. K Lakshminarayana, TO (T6), superannuated on 31 May 06 after his long service to the centre. During the farewell ceremony, Director and staff recollected his services to the organization for more than 39 years, since



*Mr. K Lakshminarayana, retiring Technical officer, being presented a token gift on his superannuation*

the inception of PIRCOM centre in various capacities. A memento from staff recreation club was also presented by the Director. The staff wished him a happy and healthy retired life.

### **Family news: Congratulations Tejasvini!**



Miss V Tejasvini, daughter of Mrs. VSG Parvathi, Assistant, scored 92.3% marks in the VII standard board examinations of AP. She is a student of Gautam Model School, RTC X roads, Hyderabad.

### **Meeting (M)/ Symposia (S)/ Workshop (W) / Training (T) / Consultation (C) / attended**

S. No	Name of the official	Participated in	Type	Venue	Date
1	N Seetharama & N Kannababu	Meeting on "Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmer's Rights Authority" with ICAR & SAUs.	M	NASC, New Delhi	4 - 5 May, 06
2	M Elangovan	Training programme on "Conservation, Management and use of Plant Genetic Resources in agriculture"	T	Wageningen Netherlands	8 May - 16 June, 06
3	KBRS Visarada N Seetharama	National seminar on "Gene constructs"	S	IIHR, Bangalore	17-18 May, 06
4	N Kannababu	'XXI annual scientist meeting of National Seed Project (crops)'.	M	JNKVV Jabalpur	20 -22 May, 06
5	N Kanaka Durga	Training programme on "Effective Office Administration", organized by NIMMA, New Delhi.	T	Goa	24 -28, May, 06
6	PG Padmaja	Training programme on "Integrated pest management and food safety".	T	Wageningen Netherlands	29 May - 23 June, 06
7	SS Rao	Brainstorming meeting on "Energy management in agriculture"	M	VPKAS, Almora	28-30, May 2006
8	N Seetharama, S Indira, SL Kaul, S Audilakshmi, TGN Rao, SS Rao, VR Bhagwat, Chari Appaji, Vilas A Tonapi, CV Ratnavathi, N Kannababu, R Madhusudhana, Venkatesh Bhat, HS Talwar, G. Syam Prasad, IK Das, MS Raut, Prabhakar, B Subbarayudu, A Ashok Reddy	36 <sup>th</sup> Annual Sorghum Group Meeting (AGM 06) at MAU, Parbhani.	W	MAU, Parbhani	11-13 May, 06

## Official Tours

S. No	Name of the Official	Place visited	Dates	Purpose
1	S Ravikumar	Nandyal	8 May, 06	To monitor seed processing and packing of the certified seed CSH 16
2	T Sridharan & D Rama Raju	ICAR, New Delhi	26 -28 May, 06	To brief the annual accounts of NRCS for 2005-06 at the office of Director of Finance, and it was accepted in principle by the Council.

## Thought for the month

*"What your priorities today are very basic to ones achievement. Most people are so busy knocking themselves out trying to do everything they think they should do, they never get around to do what they want to do."*

**-Kathleen Winsor**

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