CICR wins Mahindra Samriddhi Krishi Sansthan Samman National Award 2014

The Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur was conferred the 'National Award 2014- Best Research Institute -Krishi Sansthan Samman' by Mahindra Samriddhi India Agri Awards 2014. Dr. K.R. Kranthi, Director CICR received a cash prize of Rs 2.11 lakh, a shield and citation from Shri Tariq Anwar, Minister of State for Agriculture and Food Processing in a glittering ceremony held on the 24th February at Hotel Ashok New Delhi. Dr. K.R. Kranthi was accompanied by Dr. M.S. Yadav, Chief Technical Officer, CICR to receive the award. The institute was recognized for its innovative inventions patented as Bt detection kits which empowered farmers to identify good quality Bt seeds from spurious seeds. The institute was also recognized for developing concepts of eco-friendly pest management and pioneering implementation of insect resistance management strategies which resulted in significant reduction in the usage of insecticides in India. The Mahindra Samriddhi awards in partnership with Zee News were given in seven categories to farmers and institutions from a total 40,000 applications. The Mahindra awards which are now recognized as one of the most prestigious in agriculture recognize purposeful contributions, made by individuals and institutions, in the field of agriculture. Mr. Anand Mahindra, Managing Director, Mahindra and Mahindra, Shri. Ashish Bahuguna, Secretary, Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture and Dr. Pawan Kumar Goenka, President - Automotive and Farm Equipment were present on the dias.