

**Glimpses of Visit of Additional Secretary (DARE) & Secretary (ICAR)
at
Main Cotton Research Station, NAU, Surat (22.07.2017)**



Shri Chhabilendra Roul, Additional Secretary (DARE) & Secretary (ICAR) at MCRS, Surat interacting with Officials of NAU & ICAR-CIRCOT

RS (Cotton) briefing the Progress and Achievement of Gujarat Cotton Research & Future Prospects



RS (Cotton) showcasing the firstever and popular varieties /hybrids developed by the Main Cotton Research Station, NAU, Surat in the Cotton Museum

Visit of Additional Secretary (DARE) & Secretary (ICAR) in the Biotechnology Laboratory, MCRS, Surat

Respected Shri Chhabilendra Roul, Additional Secretary (DARE) & Secretary (ICAR), New Delhi visited the Main Cotton Research Station, Krishi Vigyan Kendra and Aspee Shakilum Biotechnology Institute of Navsari Agricultural University as well as the Quality Evaluation Unit of ICAR-CIRCOT, Surat on 22.07.2017. Dr. B. G. Solanki, Research Scientist (Cotton) made brief presentation on Progress and Achievement of Gujarat Cotton Research & Future Prospects and showed him the firstever and popular varieties /hybrids developed by the Main Cotton Research Station, NAU, Surat at the Cotton Museum. Shri Roul emphasized the need of doubling the farmers income through effective means of abolishing the middle men in the trade and suitable low cost agro-techniques and made lengthy interactions with the scientists. Dr. Janak Rathod , Senior Scientist and Head of KVK delivered brief talk through power point presentation explaining the activities of creating organic chains for marketing and interest of city people in terrace and kitchen gardening in urban area and showed demonstration nursery of KVK. Shri Roul emphasized the need of seed village adoption and soil health card distribution in the jurisdiction along with the development of entrepreneur skills. Dr. G. R. Patel, Director of Extension Education briefed the large scale extension activities in collaborations with line department in the state. Dr. P. Madhyan, Senior Scientist, ICAR-CIRCOT on behalf of QE unit, Surat informed the activities of samples analysed for fibre quality of central and state research centres. Shri Roul inquired the status of accreditation of the laboratory and emphasized the major role on issuing of fibre quality analysis certificate to cotton traders for exporting cotton lints. At the end, Dr. D. H. Patel proposed the vote of thanks.