



9TH ACRDN MEETING

Ninth Asian Cotton Research and Development Network (ACRDN) Meeting & International Conference

Date & Venue :
December 06-08, 2023
ICAR-CIRCOT, Mumbai, Maharashtra, INDIA

“INNOVATIONS FOR A RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE COTTON PRODUCTION AND VIABLE VALUE CHAIN”



Organized by:



Indian Society for Cotton Improvement (ISCI)
Mumbai, India

In Collaboration with:



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Washington DC, USA



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Indian Fibre Society (IFS)
Mumbai, India



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Centenary of ICAR-CIRCOT | **Golden Jubilee of ISCI**
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ABOUT the Meeting...

The Indian Society for Cotton Improvement (ISCI), Mumbai, India in collaboration with International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC), Washington DC, ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT), Mumbai, ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR), Nagpur & Indian Fibre Society (IFS), Mumbai is organizing the 9th Asian Cotton Research and Development Network (ACRDN) meeting and International conference at Mumbai, Maharashtra, India during Dec 06-08, 2023. This event heralds the inauguration of the centenary year celebrations of ICAR-CIRCOT and also commemorates the golden jubilee of ISCI. The theme of the International Conference is “Innovations for a Resilient and Sustainable Cotton Production and Viable Value Chain”.

The Asian region is the most vibrant hub of cotton production, processing, consumption and trade. Four countries of the region- China, India, Pakistan and Uzbekistan together account for 56% of the world's cotton acreage and 51.4% of the production. Seven Asian nations viz., China, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Uzbekistan and Indonesia together consume 80.6% of the total cotton produced in the world and convert them into value added products. China, Bangladesh, India and Vietnam, the largest Textile and Apparel (T&A) exporting countries from Asia, along with Turkey account for 52% of the World's T&A exports.

The cotton producing countries of the region face several common challenges, the foremost being climate change manifested through extreme heat waves and unpredictable rainfall with increase in wet and dry spells. The torrential rain in August 2022 that damaged 80% of the cotton crop in Sindh Province of Pakistan is a grim reminder to the magnitude of climate crisis.

Fluctuations in production, resurgence of pests and diseases, deterioration in soil health, challenges in mechanization and access to latest products and technologies, rising production costs and declining profits etc., are some major production related challenges in the Asian region. On the processing front, issues of fibre quality, contamination, trash content, traceability, circularity and sustainability vis-a-vis synthetic fibres are major global concerns. Researchers are relentlessly addressing these challenges and have some exciting innovations to offer. The ACRDN provides a wonderful platform to meet and deliberate on these issues and evolve joint strategies to resolve for an improved cotton sector in the region.

The International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) established the Asian Cotton Research and Development Network (ACRDN) in 1999 to foster regional co-operation in Cotton Research among Asian countries. Till date, eight meetings of the network have been held in Pakistan (1999), Uzbekistan (2002), India (2005), China (2008), Pakistan (2011), Bangladesh (2014), India (2017), Uzbekistan (2019). There were several fruitful recommendations from these meetings. The Indian Society for Cotton Improvement, Mumbai, once again cordially invites you to the 9th meeting of ACRDN at Mumbai in India.

Programme Outline

- Plenary Talks
- Technical Sessions
- Panel Discussion- Prospects & Challenges for Promoting Regenerative Cotton Production in the Asian Region
- Poster Presentations
- Laboratory Visits to ICAR-CIRCOT, Mumbai, India
- **Optional:** Post Meeting Technical Tours / Local Sightseeing (Dec. 08, 2023)



Invitation for Participants

The Organizing Committee of the Indian Society for Cotton Improvement (ISCI), cordially invites you for the meeting & the conference and seek your active participation in the deliberations. The organizing committee would identify and invite speakers for lead papers. Voluntary abstracts are solicited from all cotton researchers across the board. ISCI is also inviting the private industry and will be providing them a unique opportunity to interact with this exclusive audience. Attractive sponsorship offers will be available.

Call for Abstracts

Participants representing research and developmental organizations from public & private sector and industry of Asian nations are requested to submit abstract on topics conforming to the themes of technical sessions outlined below.

Technical Sessions : Themes

- Best Management Practices (BMP) for climate resilience, soil health and sustainable cotton production
- Advances in cotton genetic improvement, molecular biology, biotechnology and genomics
- Changing pest and disease scenario in the cotton agro-ecosystem
- Precision cotton farming, mechanization, sensors, AI, IoT and robotics
- Ginning, spinning, fibre processing and textile technologies
- Cotton by-produce & by-product utilization, value addition and circular economy
- Speciality & identity cottons and labelling
- Innovations in cotton trade, testing, traceability, technology transfer and socio-economics

*All the technical sessions will be interactive and conducted in a dynamic mode.
English will be the official language of the meeting.*

Instructions for Authors

Authors can submit their abstracts through an on-line submission system on the ACRDN website (www.acrdn9.org). The last date for abstract submission is 31st August, 2023. All the accepted abstracts will be published in the Book of Abstracts of 9th ACRDN and all the registered participants will receive an electronic/print version of the publication.



Abstract Preparation Guidelines

File Format	.doc or .docx
Margin	1 inch/2.54 cm from all sides
Theme Title	Mention the Thematic area on the upper left corner of the page. The title should be concise, specific and informative. Avoid abbreviations and formulae wherever possible. Typography: Times New Roman Font, 14pt size, Bold, 1.5 spaced, Justify alignment.
Authors	All authors should write their full name. The name of the corresponding author should be prefixed with an asterisk (*). The name of all authors should be prefixed with superscript numerals if authors belong to more than one organization. Typography: Times New Roman Font, 12pt size, Bold, 1.5 spaced, Justify alignment.
Affiliation	Complete address of the institution(s) should be given for all author(s) in the same order of sequence of authors. The respective addresses of all authors should be prefixed with superscript numerals if authors belong to more than one organization. Typography: Times New Roman Font, 11 pt size, Italics, Sentence case, 1.5 spaced, Justify alignment.
Main Content	The Main abstract should state briefly the purpose of the study, significant findings and major conclusions. The abstract should not contain any table, figure, references and non-standard or uncommon abbreviations. The abstract should be written within 350 words. Typography: Time New Roman Font, 12 pt size, Regular, 1.5 spaced, Justify alignment.
Keywords	Please mention 5-7 relevant keywords separated by comma(,). Typography: Time New Roman Font, 12 pt size, Regular, 1.5 spaced, Justify alignment.

Additionally, researchers can also avail the opportunity of submitting full length papers of the abstracts for publication.

Registration

Category of Participants	Amount	Accompanying Family Member
Foreign Delegate	US \$300	US \$175
ISCI / IFS Life Member	INR 5000*	INR 3000
Other Indian Delegates	INR 6500	INR 3500
Students	INR 3000 [#]	-
Foreign Corporate Delegates	US\$ 500	US\$ 300

* Life members registered with ISCI till August 31, 2023 only will be eligible.

[#] Students who are not on regular position.

The Registration fee includes registration kit, souvenir, access to all technical sessions, lunches, sponsored dinners and local visit. The Registration fee for the delegates is to be paid in the following bank account of ISCI, preferably by electronic transfer.

Beneficiary Name	Indian Society for Cotton Improvement
Account No.	36959751825
Name of Bank & Branch	State Bank of India, Commercial Branch, Dadar, India
IFSC Code: SBIN0004114	SWIFT Code: SBININBB355

Payment can also be made directly using the dedicated website created for the event www.acrdn9.org



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ICAR-CIRCOT, Adenwala Road, Matunga, Mumbai

Important Deadlines

Last Date for Submission of Abstracts

August 31, 2023

Last Date for Submission of Selected Full Length Papers

September 30, 2023

Last date for Registration

September 30, 2023

Accommodation

Sufficient rooms on single and double occupancy basis have been blocked at suitable hotels in Mumbai.

The participants are requested to preferably book the accommodation at the hotel on payment basis at a discounted tariff rate made available.

Limited accommodation is available in the Government guest houses
For any enquiry with regard to accommodation, please contact

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Dyed Shirts using CIRCOT salt free technology



Cotton Stalk Particle Boards using CIRCOT Technology



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CIRCOT Lab Model Roller Gin

About the Organiser

Indian Society for Cotton Improvement (ISCI)

(Registration No. Bom/1956/75 GBBSD of 20-08-1975)

Indian Society for Cotton Improvement is a registered society founded in 1974 for amalgamating the cotton scientists, farmers, traders and technocrats with a broad objective of promoting cotton production and its utilization.

The main objective of the society is to organize seminars/ conferences on various topics related to cotton research & development and over the years has organized more than 27 international and national seminars, prominent amongst them are the International Cotton Genome Conference (2004), International Conference on Natural Fibres (2009), World Cotton Research Conference-5 (2011) and Asian Cotton Research & Development Network -7 (2017). The society also publishes a biannual research journal, "Cotton Research Journal" and publishes books on important topics related to cotton. Besides, the society also bestows awards to cotton scientists in recognition of their achievements and contribution to cotton research.

With a glorious history of 50 years and membership base of 545 life members, the society welcomes you to join its Golden jubilee and the Centenary celebration of ICAR-CIRCOT, Mumbai.



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The International Cotton Advisory Committee (ICAC) is an association of members of cotton producing, consuming and trading countries. The Committee was formed in 1939, and the Secretariat was established in 1946. There are 10 members of the Secretariat originating from seven countries, primarily working from Washington, DC. ICAC serve the cotton and textile community through promotion, knowledge sharing, innovation, partnerships and providing a forum for discussion of cotton issues of international significance with a vision of prosperity through sustainable cotton industry



The ICAR-Central Institute for Research on Cotton Technology (CIRCOT), established in 1924, is one of the premier constituent institutes of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, mandated to carry out basic and strategic research in post-harvest technology of cotton and value addition to its by-produce. The Institute is only one of its kind in the world conducting R&D on the utilization of every part of the cotton plant and functions as referral laboratory for cotton fibres. The institute is working towards capacity building of the farmers & other stakeholders in the sector besides offering Agri business incubation service and other commercial testing and consultancy services



ICAR established the ICAR-Central Institute for Cotton Research (CICR) at Nagpur in April, 1976 as a Centre of excellence for carrying out research on fundamental problems limiting cotton production and also to provide basic support to location specific applied research. ICAR-CICR continues to focus on innovations in crop improvement, crop production and crop protection aspects besides dissemination of technology to enhance cotton productivity, develop technologies for resource conservation, increase resource use efficiency and eco-friendly crop protection. ICAR-CICR, Nagpur maintains one of the largest cotton gene bank, a germplasm collection in the world with 12,336 accessions



Indian Fibre Society (IFS) is a registered society of textile professionals with its registered office at ICAR-CIRCOT, Mumbai. The Society aims at promoting exchange of information in the field of textiles and related areas. IFS has over 250 scientists and technocrats as its life members. It has seven institutional members. The Society has been registered under Society's Registration Act 1860 and Bombay Charitable Trust Act 1950



Ginning Training Centre, ICAR- CIRCOT, Nagpur



ICAR- CIRCOT BAJAJ Cottonseed Dryer



ICAR- CIRCOT BAJAJ Precleaner



Skill Development Programme On Cotton Grading by ICAR-CIRCOT, Nagpur



Promotion of Cotton Cultivation on Mulch by ICAR-CICR

Host City - Mumbai

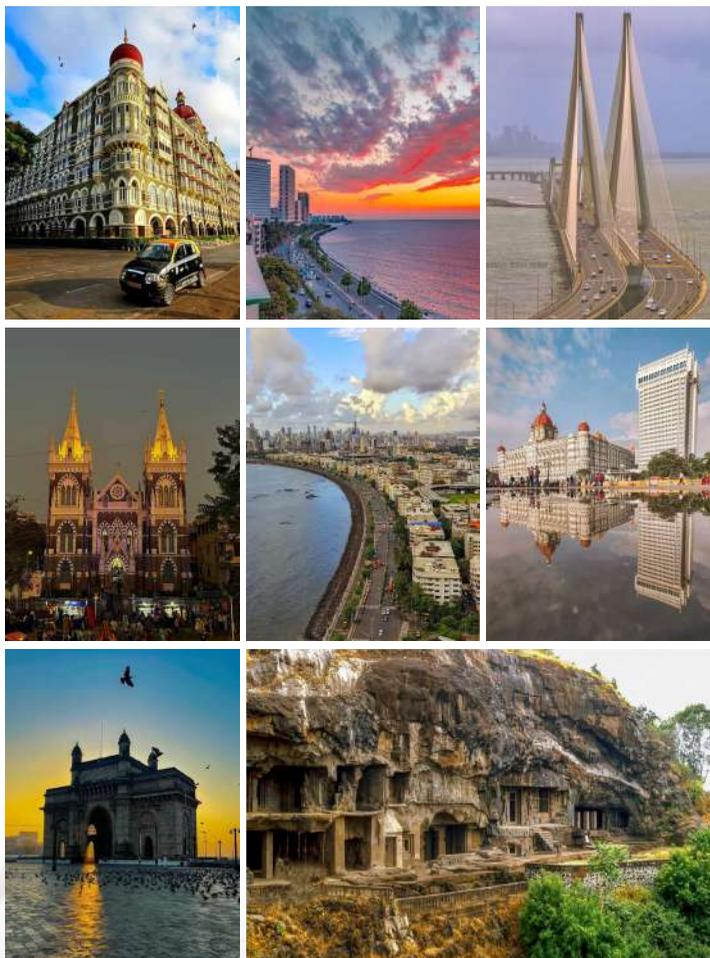
Mumbai, the capital of Maharashtra State, is a major metropolitan city of India, located on the west coast of India, the group of islands, which has grown into the city, is an economic powerhouse of the country. Ancient yet modern, fabulously rich yet achingly poor, Mumbai is India in microcosm. The city has a history of multi-cultural rulers starting from the Emperor Ashoka, to the Mohammedans of Gujarat, to the Hindu rulers, to the Portuguese and finally the British. After World War II, Mumbai became a centre for all the nationalist activities, which ultimately culminated in the Bombay Mutiny in 1946. Some of the most important financial organizations of India are established in Mumbai, the financial capital of India. The important industries are textiles engineering, healthcare, diamonds, information technology, shipping, publishing, and the film industry. It has one of the world's largest textile markets, a major industrial centre and the country's busiest port handling over 40% of India's maritime trade.

Local Tourist Attractions

There will be plenty of options to choose for post conference relaxation.

Mumbai City Tour

The tour of Mumbai will commence with a drive along Marine Drive in south Mumbai. The Hanging gardens at Malabar Hill offer a splendid view of the city. In this cosmopolitan city, one views a wide spectrum of architecture including the magnificent Victoria Terminus, a remarkable example of Victorian Gothic architecture in India. Exciting places to visit include the Prince of Wales Museum, the Gateway of India, that was erected in 1924 on the waterfront to commemorate the visit of King George V to Mumbai and the Elephanta Island, located 10 km from the Gateway of India, which has four rock-cut temples in caves dating back to 5th century. Sanjay Gandhi National Park or Borivali National Park: the only national park in Mumbai, set in hill ranges in the outskirts at Borivali, is host to various wildlife species like the panther, antelope, mouse deer and wild boar. In the Lion Safari Park, visitors can view lions as close as two meters. The park is also a paradise for the lovers of avifauna.

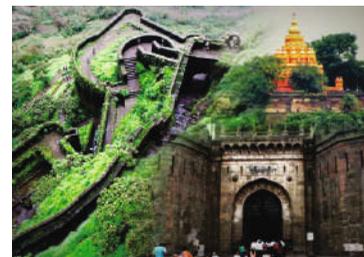


Other Places of Interest

GOA : Goa is a tropical paradise that lies on the west coast of India. Having been ruled by the colonial Portuguese, it was called Goa Dourada, Golden Goa; other called it the Pearl of the Orient. Lying between lush of forested hills and the sea, Goa offers not only stunning beaches and swaying coconut palms but also a rich multi-cultural and historical heritage, including the World Heritage Site of its Churches and Convents.



PUNE : Pune, located 118 km from Mumbai at the convergence of two rivers (Mula and Mutha), is known as the cultural capital of Maharashtra. Retaining its historic past and embracing modernity at the same time, the city has come a long way from being a 'pensioners' paradise'. Pune has several tourist attractions. From the Aga Khan Palace with its Italian arches, salons, suites and spacious lawns where Kasturba Gandhi spent the last years of her life to the Shaniwar Wada, the iconic monument of the Maratha Empire. Being one of the capitals of the Maratha Empire, Pune's rich history is reflected in its several wadas (or large houses) and temples like the ones at Saras Baug and atop Parvati Hills.



DELHI : Delhi, as modern or ancient, is a cosmopolitan metropolis. Delhi, having been the capital of many empires for centuries – especially of Mughal India, has a number of forts and monuments to boast of. There are strong citadels, such as Red Fort, Old fort, Jantar Mantar, tombs of the royal personages and Qutub Minar. Museums in Delhi are a showcase of the past and the present. The contemporary art in the National Gallery of Modern Art at Jaipur House, the relics and artifacts of ancient India at the National Museum and exhibits at the open air crafts museum are all worth seeing.



AGRA : Agra, once the seat of the Mughal rulers, is known for the Tai Mahal described as the epitome of love', 'a monument of immeasurable beauty'. The Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan got this monument constructed in memory of his beloved wife Mumtaz Mahal. The purity of the white marble, the exquisite ornamentation, precious gemstones used and its picturesque location enhance the beauty of this magnificent monument



KERALA : Located on the southwestern tip of India, Kerala enjoys unique geographical features. An equable climate, serene beach., tranquil stretches of backwaters. Lush hill stations, exotic wildlife and herbal spas are the major attractions of this land. Classical art forms, colorful festivals, unique cuisine are some of the cultural marvels that await travellers.



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Scientific Cottonseeds Processing Plant at ICAR-CIRCOT, Nagpur



Modern Double Roller Ginning Demonstration Plant at ICAR - CIRCOT, Nagpur



High Volume Instrument (HVI) at ICAR-CIRCOT, Nagpur

Glimpses of the Collaborative Institutes



ICAR-CIRCOT, Mumbai



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