ICAR-NCIPM in collaboration with KVK, Jalna organized QRT team field visit and farmer - scientist interaction at Jalna on 4 January 2020. Honourable QRT Chairman Dr S. N. Puri and honourable members Dr T V K Singh, Dr S K Lodha, Dr G T Gujar and Dr S N Sushil, along with Director, ICAR-NCIPM, cotton team leader Dr. Ajanta Birah and other members Dr. Anoop Kumar and Dr. Mukesh Km Khokhar interacted with farmers of cotton IPM validation fields at Wakhari village, Jalna district. Team along with farmers and NCIPM team also visited different fields where Bt cotton IPM trial are being conducted by NCIPM in 75 acres. During the field visit, QRT was very much impressed by observing the impact of IPM and knowledge gained by the farmers as they were able to identify the pests and natural enemies of cotton crop and managed the pink bollworm and sucking pests by adopting IPM technology. Dr. Ajanta Birah, PI of the project highlighted the achievements made under the project and informed the details of IPM validation trial and support of collaborators from KVK, Jalna and NBAIR Bengaluru for success of the project.

Dr. H. R. Sardana, Director ICAR-NCIPM appreciated the efforts of NCIPM team in creating awareness among the farmers about the IPM and conservation of natural enemies through need based application of safer pesticides. Most of farmers shared their experiences by adopting the IPM. More than 60 farmers including 15 farm women participated in this programme.

Dr. SV Sonune, Head, KVK, Jalna and Dr. Anoop Kumar, Member Secretary, QRT welcomed the gathering and Dr. A. G. Mitkari, SMS proposed vote of thanks.