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Adopt technology for better cashew quality, farmers told

» Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur celebrated its Foundation Day recently by organising farmers meet. Y S R Horticultural University (Andhra Pradesh) VC Dr S D Shikhamany highlighted three major technology contributions of DCR as softwood grafting technique, variety Bhaskara and high density planting method.

He called for adoptable and sustainable technologies to combat low productivity in cashew. He exhorted farmers to make full use of recommended technologies to produce quality cashew in a sustainable and profitable way. There is a need for 'anticipatory research' in cashew sector. Three innovative farmers were felicitated.

K Subhash Rai, innovative farmer from Kadamajalu, Puttur was felicitated for achieving high productivity of 1,500 kg/ha in second year of planting through adoption of high density modes of planting.

Purandhara Rai of Thingalady, Puttur was felicitated for being the pioneer in adopting ultra high density planting on a large scale and successfully establishing a state of the art processing factory in the area. M Natesh from Paduvannur was felicitated for demonstrating high density technique with a yield of 2,000 kg/ha.