

DCR-Conducts a training programme on Nursery management and production technology in Cashew

ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur, in association with *Sevabharathi Savayava Krishi Parivar*, Puttur and *Samrudhi gida-gelaethana Sanga*, Puttur organised one day training programme on nursery management and production technology in cashew on 11-09-2017 at ICAR-DCR, Puttur. The programme was sponsored by Directorate of Cashew and Cocoa Development Board, Cochin. More than hundred cashew growers attended the programme. The chief guests were Dr. Venkatesh N Hubballi, Director, DCCD, Cochin, and R.K. Bhaskar, president, *Samrudhi gida-gelaethana Sanga*, Puttur.

The programme was started with welcome address by Dr. J. Dinakara Adiga, Principal Scientist. The chief guest Dr. Venkatesh N Hubballi addressed the gathering and stated the achievements of DCCD in cashew area expansion in 13 different states. He also highlighted about conversion of rubber and mango plantations in Kerala and Maharastra into cashew plantations due to attractive price of raw cashewnut apart from ease of cultivation. He also suggested cashew growers to take the suggestions from scientists of ICAR-DCR for adopting new technologies in cashew production to increase the productivity. He also assured the farmers for financial support for skill development trainings and cashew android application development.

Mr. R. K. Bhaskar expressed the cordial relationship between the farmers and ICAR-DCR, Puttur in dissemination of technologies for last 25 years. He requested the ICAR-DCR to continue the support in future.

Dr. M.G. Nayak, in his presidential remarks emphasized the importance of cashew cultivation over other crops. He said that adaption of new technologies like HDP, UHDP, plant protection measures and quality planting material are very much essential for increasing the productivity. He also highlighted about huge demand of plating material from different state departments. He requested the farmers to come forward to form a co-operative society for cashew like CAMPCO to get stable prices for cashew raw nuts. The inaugural programme ended with vote of thanks by Dr. G.S. Mohan Senior Scientist.

The inaugural programme was followed by presentation on Soft wood grafting technique and nursery management in cashew by Dr. M.G. Nayak. Soon after the presentation the participants were taken to the nursery to demonstrate the soft wood grafting technique. Further, they were taken to the scion bank followed by UHDP block of cashew. The various queries raised by the farmers were addressed during the field visit.

