Foundation Day

ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur

The Foundation Day was celebrated at ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur on 18/6/2018. In the beginning, Dr. M. G. Nayak, Director (Acting) welcomed the dignitaries, delegates, farmers and other participants, followed by lighting the lamp by dignitaries. The function started with release of “Ultra High Density Planting (UHDP)” technology developed at ICAR-DCR by Shri. Sanjeeva Matandur, Member of Legislative Assembly, Puttur. It was followed by the lecture on “Ultra High Density Planting in Cashew” by Dr. M. G. Nayak (Acting Director). In the lecture, use of pruning technique and varieties suitable for UHD planting and its role in enhancing the productivity was explained.

In the inaugural address, Shri. Sanjeeva Matandur talked about role of agriculture in Indian society and the recent impacts of urbanization on agriculture. He also encouraged youths to take up cashew cultivation as there is lot of scope to get higher income compared to other crops. Guest of Honour, Shri. Prakash Natelkar, MD, KCDC, Mangalore, congratulated the Director and institute for the achievements made over the years for improving the economic status of the cashew farmers of the country. Another, guest of honour, Shri. Ventkatesh Hubballi, Director, DCCD, Kochi, called for adoption of a village by ICAR-DCR, to promote cashew cultivation and he assured the required financial support for it. He said there is a large scope for increasing the cashew production the country as there is 15-20% rise in the domestic consumption of cashew.

Guest speaker, Fr. Prakash A Monteiro, Campus Director, Philomena College, spoke on ethics in profession. He explained concepts of “Kriya and Karma” by giving examples. He asked everyone to inculcate good values in life and to do Karma, i.e. making extra efforts for benefit of others and society rather than just doing the regular duty i.e. Kriya. Another guest speaker, Shri. Prasanna Rai, Head, Botany Department, Philomena College, talked about role of trees and nature in maintaining environment. He explained how plastic has become a menace causing environmental pollution. Further, he stressed on maintaining soil health and judicious use of natural resources.

At the end of the function, Mr. Eradasappa E, Scientist, extended vote of thanks to the farmers and chief guest and other dignitaries’ of the function. On this occasion, an exhibition on cashew production technologies, different cashew varieties and cashew apple products was organized. More than 120 participants consisting of cashew farmers, representatives of KVK, development departments, media and scientists attended the function.