

IRC Meeting

The 32nd annual meeting of Institute Research Committee (IRC) of ICAR-DCR, Puttur was held on 15th and 16th May, 2019 under the Chairmanship of Dr. M.G. Nayak, Director (Acting). There were four technical sessions chaired by experts of the field. Dr. A. Mohan Rao, Professor (Genetics and Plant Breeding), Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, UAS, GKVK, Bengaluru was the resource person for the technical session on 'Crop Improvement'. Dr. Ravi Bhat, Head, Division of Crop Production, CPCRI, Kasaragod was the resource person for 'Crop Management'. For Crop Protection and Post Harvest Technology sessions, Dr. Kamala Jayanti, Principal Scientist, Division of Entomology and Nematology, IIHR, Bengaluru and Dr. Harinder Singh Oberoi, Head, Division of Post Harvest Technology, IIHR, Bengaluru were the resource persons, respectively.

In each session, the results of various ongoing projects were presented along with new project proposals by the scientists of DCR and the details were deliberated in detail. New project proposals include, Generation mean analysis in cashew to understand the nature of gene action for important traits, Breeding for reduced tannin content in cashew apples of popular cultivars, In vitro pollen germination and pollen tube growth of cashew varieties in response to high temperature stress, Cashew - tea mosquito bug interactions and the defensive responses, Influence of *Apis cerana* and *Braunsapis* sp. on pollination and fruit set of cashew, Optimizing processing parameters in cashew for enhancing whole kernel recovery. Accordingly, the technical programme of the projects for the year 2019-20 was also finalized.



Glimpses of 32nd IRC meeting