

Second meeting of the 8th RAC

The second meeting of 8th RAC was held on 26th and 27th April, 2019. The meeting started at 2.30 pm on 26th April, 2019 in the mini conference hall of ICAR-DCR with the welcome and introductory remarks by the Director (Acting), Dr. M.G. Nayak. This was followed by introductory remarks of the Chairman of RAC, Dr. D. S. Rathore. He discussed about recent QRT recommendations and global trends in cashew research and felt the need to align the research programmes with QRT recommendations too. Dr. P. C. Lenka, member, RAC, felt the need to devise moisture meter for cashew. The other two members, Dr. Subhash Chander and Dr. K. B. Hebbar, also made introductory remarks about research needs. This was followed by presentation about Action Taken Report on the previous RAC recommendations by Dr. J. Dinakara Adiga, Member Secretary, 8th RAC. Thereafter, presentations on progress of research in Crop Improvement, Crop Management, Crop Protection, Post Harvest Technology, and Transfer of Technology were made by the scientists of DCR. After the completion of deliberations under different sections, the Chairman discussed at length about feed backs from scientists, farmers, processors and consumers concerned to future needs of cashew research. Prior to the meeting, visit to processing factories in Mangalore on 25th April afternoon and field visits to progressive farmers plots on 26th April morning was organized for RAC. The meeting ended on 27th April with the vote of thanks by Dr. J. D. Adiga, Member Secretary, 8th RAC. Based on the presentations and discussions, the RAC made recommendations for different research programmes.

