

## **Celebration of Constitution Day**

### **Activity for the month: March, 2020**

ICAR -DCR, Puttur is taking up different activities month wise to celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> year of the adoption of Constitution of India as per the directives of ICAR.

In this connection, on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020, a meeting was convened with cashew farmers along with DCR staff in the main conference hall, ICAR-DCR, Puttur at 11.30 am. The chief guest and speaker of the event was Dr. R. Selvamani, IAS, Chief Executive Officer, Dakshina Kannada Zilla Panchayat. Earlier, inauguration of field store room in the cashew farm was done by the chief guest. Dr. M.G. Nayak, Director (Acting), ICAR-DCR, Puttur delivered the welcome speech with introductory remarks of the programme. He said that the Government schemes like TSP and SCSP are being effectively implemented at this Directorate and emphasized that cashew need to be included under crop insurance scheme. Dr. R. Selvamani initially shared his ideas that would create the awareness about the constitution and explained about the eleven fundamental duties of Indian citizens. He emphasized that Article 3 of the Constitution states that one need to be a good citizen and be mindful of his duties. Then, he gave detailed information on different Government schemes for the benefit of farmers. He felt happy about the recently formed All India Cashew Growers Association (AICGA), and insisted the association to coordinate farmers and address the key issues including minimum support price and crop insurance for cashew. He said that the establishment of cashew farmers' Co-operative Society and involvement of SHGs in cashew apple processing would be much helpful to most of the farmers. Thereafter, he interacted with farmers and answered their queries regarding import of raw cashewnuts, bioethanol production from cashew apple, development of cashew nursery under MNREGA scheme etc.

During the occasion, constitution day standees and posters developed by Department of Justice, GOI were displayed for the general awareness. A total of 177 participants including farmers, members of AICGA, staff of DCR and general public were present during the programme. The meeting came to a close by 1.00 pm with vote of thanks by Dr. K. Vanitha, Scientist (Agrl. Entomology) and Nodal officer of the programme.

