

### Shri B. Ramanatha Rai visits ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur

Shri B. Ramanath Rai, the former Minister of Environment and Forests of the State of Karnataka, visited ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research at Puttur on 06-06-2020. He was happy to learn about the technologies of the Directorate, especially the new cashew hybrid (H-130) and the ultra high density planting system in cashew. The Director of the institute Dr. M. Gangadhar Nayak and senior scientist Dr. Shamsuddeen provided the information. Shri Rai also purchased 600 cashew grafts on the spot and told that he will adapt modern systems of cultivation.

He also appreciated the precautions taken in connection with COVID-19 in the institution and admired the thermal scanning practice at the entrance of the institute. He felt that contribution from the institute will help cashew farmers in a big way in the ensuing years.



