Report on Hands on training on
“Recent cultivation practices and homestead valorization of cashew apple in hill zone of Karnataka”
organized by ICAR-Directorate of cashew Research, Puttur sponsored by MIDH and DCCD, Cochi during 6-7, March, 2020

The ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur organized a two days Training Programme on “Recent cashew cultivation practices and homestead valorization of cashew apple in the hill zone of Karnataka” from 6 to 7 March 2020 at Neechadi village, Sagar Taluk, Shivamogga. The training programme was organized with funding support from Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa Development (DCCD), Kochi.

Mr. Chandrasekhar, President, Cashew Growers Association, Tumari, Shivamogga, inaugurated the programme and spoke about the importance of cashew in livelihood security of people in the hill zone of Karnataka. Dr. M.G. Nayak, Director (Acting) highlighted the importance of ultra high density planting and the need to use specific pruning responsive varieties to increase the yield and productivity of cashew in the country. He stressed the need for proper utilization of cashew apples for improving the farm income and for employment generation. Mr. Deviprasad, All India Cashew Growers Association, Mr. Sreenath Nadig, Chairman, Neechadi Trust, Nechadi and Dr. Mohana, G.S. were present during the inaugural session.

The training programme consisted of lectures, field visits and hands on training on value addition and post harvest handling of cashew apple. The details of lectures are given.

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<td>Recent advances in cashew cultivation – softwood grafting techniques, canopy management and high density planting</td>
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<td>Dr. Mohana, G.S. Sr. Scientist (Gen.&amp;Cyt), ICAR-DCR, Puttur</td>
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During the first day of training, the participants were taken to cashew plantations, which have adapted high density planting, Dr. M.G.Nayak, explained the scientific method of practicing pruning in high density cashew plantations. An visit to cashew factory was arranged as a part of second day session. Participants were taken to different *viz.*, drying, boiling, shelling, peeling and grading sections.

A total of 152 farmers from the Sagar taluk of Shivamogga district in Karnataka participated in the training. Dr. Mohana,G.S., Senior Scientist, Co-ordinated the training programme and Dr. Preethi, P. Scientist acted as convenor.

**Speech by delegates during inaugural session of the training programme**
Participants visiting High density cashew orchard in Neechadi Village

Lectures handled during the training programme

Participants keenly observing the displayed cashew nut and apple based products
Visit to cashew nut processing industry

Valedictory session of the training programme

Training programme in NEWS papers