

**Report on “World Water Day-2021” celebration at ICAR-Directorate of Cashew  
Research, Puttur, D.K., Karnataka**

The World Water Day was observed in ICAR-DCR on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021 with the theme “**Valuing water**”. ICAR-DCR has invited Smt. Roopa T Shetty, Commissioner, City Municipal Council, Puttur taluk as a chief guest for the function. The programme commenced with ICAR song followed by welcome address by Dr. Manjesh, G.N Scientist (SP&MAP). The event was presided by Dr. Anitha Karun, Director (Acting) and in her presidential address she emphasized on scientific management of water and about water budgeting as a scientific tool to effectively combat water crisis from the agriculture perspective. This was followed by an address by the chief guest wherein she gave thrust on the efforts of the City Municipal Council to ensure water supply in Puttur. She also urged the gatherings to stop wasting water by quoting effective methods.

Dr. J D Adiga, chairman gave a brief remark on the importance of water and how vital it is in sustaining our life with a small poem. A special lecture on “Water Resource Utilization and Management” was delivered by Dr. Manjunatha, K. Scientist (FMP) to the farmers, students and staff of ICAR-DCR. He delivered a detailed presentation on the current status of water availability and discussed issues like scarcity of water, exploitation of underground water and ways to conserve water for the future generation.

As a part of the celebrations, a drawing competition was held on the topic “Water for life” for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> standard students of Government Upper Primary school, Mottethadka and prizes were distributed during the function. All the staff of this Directorate including scientists, technical, administrative and supporting staff actively participated in the function. The programme has ended with the formal vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Thondaiman, Scientist (SP&MAP). All COVID-19 precautionary measures were adopted while organizing the function.

