

ICAR-DCR organises awareness campaign on “Climate resilient varieties, technologies and practices

Climate change is adversely affecting agricultural production and productivity. Adoption of climate resilient varieties, technologies and practices is an important means to combat this issue. In this regard, ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur conducted a farmer scientist interface on 28th September, 2021 at 10.30 am as part of the “**mass awareness campaign for large scale dissemination of climate resilient technologies and methods**” organised by Indian Council of Agricultural Research under *Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav* initiative.

The programme commenced with the welcome address and introductory remarks by Dr. D Balasubramanian, Principal Scientist (AS & PE) of this directorate wherein he highlighted on the need to address climate change and oriented the participants towards today’s programme. Following this, a live telecast of honourable PM Shri Narendra Modi addressing our farmers through virtual mode was arranged in the institute. During the online programme, honourable PM dedicated 35 crop varieties to the nation, which has been developed by National Agricultural Research System for sustainable agricultural production. Also, honourable PM interacted with 5 progressive farmers across the country to know their problems in doing agriculture. The new campus of “National Institute of Biotic Stress Management” at Raipur was also virtually inaugurated during the online event and “Clean Green Campus award” winners among the institutes and universities were also announced by honourable PM. Following this a brief farmer scientist interface was arranged with the farmers invited from Puttur. Shri Udayakumar, farmer and institute management committee member of this directorate, during this interaction emphasized that Cashew is also affected by uneven rainfalls as blackening of nuts is becoming a problem in the fields. He stressed that climate resilient varieties need to be developed and such farmer scientist interface can help in realising prime minister’s dream of an *Atmanirbhar Bharat*. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Aswathy Chandrakumar, Scientist in this directorate.

