

Technology Meet-2022

Commercialization of newvarieties: Nethra Jumbo-1 and Nethra Vaaman

ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur had organized a Technology Meet-2022(Hybrid mode) for on commercialization of Cashewnut Hybrid: Nethra Jumbo-1 and Nethra Vaaman on 21.02.2022 at 2.30 PM under Chairmanship of Dr. T. N. Raviprasad, Director (Acting), ICAR-DCR, Puttur. There were ten participants from different parts of



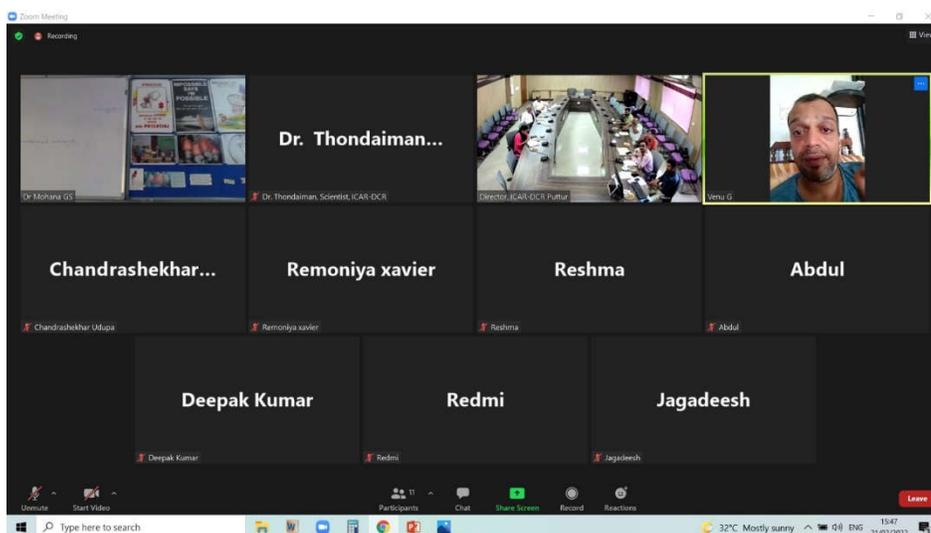
Karnataka and Tamil Nadu who were Nursery owners and officials of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

In the beginning, Dr. Manjunath K., Scientist, ICAR-DCR, Puttur welcomed the Director (Acting), members, project investigators, nursery owners, FPO officials and other stakeholders for Technology Meet-2022. Later Dr. T.N. Raviprasad, Director (Acting), DCR, Puttur, addressed the gathering and also explained the main motto of the Technology Meet organized by the Directorate. He also welcomed the project investigators (PIs) to brief about the technologies being commercialized: Nethra Vaaman and Nethra Jumbo1.

At first, Dr. Mohan G.S., Principal Scientist (Genetics & Cytogenetics), presented about the unique dwarf variety Nethra Vaaman with its characteristics such as growth habit

and yield performance of cashewnut hybrid and along with its advantage in the high density and ultra-high-density plantings. The participants were quite interested in this variety and raised their queries on its planting spacing, pest and disease attack and yield.

Secondly, Dr.J.Dinakara Adiga, Principal Scientist (Horticulture) presented about Nethra Jumbo 1, the second jumbo nut hybrid from this Directorate, which yields big and uniform size nuts. He explained in detail about characteristics, growth habit and yield performance of variety i.e., Nethra Jumbo-1 developed by ICAR-DCR. The participants showed their interest by asking about its lifespan, how to book grafts of this variety,



vigorousness of this variety, whether it is pruning responsive or not. Some of the farmers compared its yield to other varieties in their farm like Priyanka and Bhaskara. Its suitability for cultivation in other parts of the country than Karnataka state was discussed.

Later Dr. Siddanna Savadi, Officer in-charge, ITMU&Coordinator of the Technology Meet-2022, presented the process for licensing our technologies and also the pricing details of these two technologies. The nurserymen showed their willingness about buying these two technologies but were having apprehensions about protection of varieties from illegal multiplication, risks associated with the nursery business and cost of technology being bit high. The officer in-charge, ITMU briefed about the demand for cashew varieties released from DCR and also about the protection of varieties under PPV&FRA Act 2001. He invited the interested nursery men for discussion on price negotiation.

In the end, Dr.Shamsudheen M., Sr.Scientist, ICAR-DCR, Puttur given the vote of thanks for allthe participants of Technology Meet 2022.