

Kisan Diwas at ICAR- Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur, Karnataka

On 23/12/2022, *Kisan Diwas* was organised at ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research Puttur for the farmers under the SCSP & Tribal sub plan programme. The programme commenced with ICAR Song followed by the welcome address by Dr. Eradasappa, E, Senior Scientist (Plant Breeding). The one of the chief guests of the function, Sri. Kadamajalu Subhash Rai, a progressive farmer delivered the speech by highlighting importance of farmers and agriculture. The other chief guest, Sri. Uday Kumar, M., who is also a progressive farmer addressed the gathering with his own agricultural success stories. Consequently, farmer and scientist interaction session was arranged in which farmers interacted with the scientists about nutrient, pest and disease management in cashew. Dr. T.N. Raviprasad, Principal Scientist (Agricultural Entomology) and Dr. Shamsudheen, Senior Scientist (Soil Science) addressed the queries received from the farmers. Farmers interacted well and they requested the Director for one day training programme on “Cultivation practices of Cashew” which was accepted by the Director, ICAR-DCR, Puttur.

The presidential address was delivered by Dr. J. Dinakara Adiga, Director, ICAR-DCR, Puttur. In his speech, he has narrated the objective of conducting Kisan Diwas and briefed about ICAR-DCR’s achievements and schemes for the benefit of the cashew farmers. As a part of the Kisan Diwas celebration, seed kit was distributed to the farmers and a demonstration on “Weeding in cashew orchard by using brush cutter” was conducted in our Kemminje farm. This was followed by a field exposure visit for the farmers to the field of Sri Kadamajalu Subhash Rai to create awareness and motivate the farmers to take up scientific cashew cultivation. A total of 75 farmers from Bettampady, Kuriya and Kemminje villages of Puttur, Karnataka and Karadka village of Kasaragod, Kerala attended the “Kisan Diwas” function. At the end of the event, Dr. Manjesh, G.N., Scientist (Horticulture) proposed the formal vote of thanks.

