

## **Celebration of Vigilance Awareness Week 2023**

ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur celebrated the Vigilance Awareness Week - 2023. A week-long programme was conducted by the Directorate from 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The Vigilance Awareness week was started by taking the integrity pledge by staff members and general public on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. The week-long activities during the period were intended to create awareness about the transparency, accountability and corruption free governance, among the staff members and the civil society. Awareness posters on PIDPI was also displayed during the vigilance awareness week programme.

The valedictory function was held at the main conference hall of the Directorate on 07-11-2023. While welcoming the gathering, Dr. Shamsudheen. M, Senior Scientist & Vigilance Officer, ICAR-DCR, Puttur explained about the background of the programme. The programme was presided over by Dr. J. Dinakara Adiga, Director, ICAR-DCR, Puttur. He highlighted that it is the duty of citizen to not to give opportunity for corrupt people. Smt. Archana K. Unnithan., Principal Civil Judge, Puttur, addressed the gathering by mentioning that small changes in our daily life and discipline can help to curb the corruption and leads to corruption free tomorrow. Sri. Shyam Prasad Kailar, Advocate and Treasurer, Bar Association, Puttur also talked on the occasion and he indicated that employment generation will minimize the corruption. He also indicated that, the students and youth should be motivated to give importance for being honest right from the beginning.

The resource person, Adv. Nanda Kishore, Puttur, delivered a special talk on the theme "Say No to Corruption; Commit to the Nation". He narrated in detail how the corruption crept in the society, different forms of corruption, consequences of corruption and how it can be curbed at system level.

The programme was concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Veena. G.L., Scientist (Fruit Science), ICAR-DCR, Puttur. The programme was organised jointly by ICAR-DCR,

Puttur, Legal Cell, Puttur and Bar Association, Puttur. The programme was attended by 120 members including the students from Sandeepani School, Puttur.

