

Entrepreneurship Development Programme on Cashew Processing and Value Addition at ICAR-DCR Puttur

ICAR-Directorate of Cashew Research, Puttur, under Agri-business incubation scheme organized a three days Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) on “Cashew Processing and Value Addition” in collaboration with M.S. Ramaiah University of Applied Sciences from 19th to 21st February 2024. Total 30 postgraduate scholars of Food Science and Technology background attended the programme.

Dr. J. Dinakara Adiga Director, ICAR-DCR Puttur, inaugurated the programme and highlighted the immense scope in cashew value addition for promoting startups. Besides he stressed about the scope of utilizing cashew apple for the preparation of value-added products and beverages. A lecture on ‘Overview of Cashew Research in India’ highlighting research accomplishments with respect to cashew improvement, protection, farm mechanization, postharvest technologies, and transfer of technology was delivered.

Dr. D Balasubramanian course Director of the training programme briefed about the course content and delivered lecture cum hands on training on basics and advanced technologies in cashewnut processing to enhance knowledge and impart skill to startup processing unit. His lectures included economics of processing, plant lay out and successful stories of women self help group in India. Dr. Jyoti Nishad, Scientist (Food Technology) the coordinator briefed about the cashewnut value addition and importance of FSSAI labelling packaging and demonstrated cashew kernel-based value-added products to the trainee participants.

Dr. Veena G L (Scientist-Fruit Science), Coordinator of the EDP programme explained about the cashew apple value addition, recent products developed at this Directorate and she also gave demonstration on cashew apple value added products. Trainees evaluated the products organoleptically and followed 9-point hedonic scale for scoring its quality. Dr. Manjunath K., Scientist (FMP) envisaged drone applications in cashew plantations.

This EDP consisted of class room lectures, hands on experience, demonstrations, visit to processing plants and cashew museum and other associated laboratories to enhance the knowledge related to entrepreneurial opportunities in cashew among the participants.

