

**One-day training program organized under RKVY Project on Improved cashew production technologies: Scientist-farmers interaction at Thippenahalli, Shidlaghatta, Chikaballapura on 26.07.2024**

A training program was conducted on 26.07.2024 for farmers on 'Improved cashew production technologies: Scientist-Farmers interaction at Thippenahalli Village near Shidlaghatta in collaboration with College of Horticulture, Bengaluru and ICAR-KVK, Chintamani, Chikaballapura. Dr. G. S. K. Swamy, Dean, College of Horticulture, Bengaluru was the Chief Guest for the program and he highlighted the importance of

growing cashew crop and stressed on cashew apple utilization for getting additional benefits. Dr. Papireddy, Senior Scientist & Head KVK, Chintamani was the Guest of Honor for the program and he highlighted on adoption of improved varieties suitable to the region and proper drying and storage of cashew



rawnuts for getting higher rates for the produce. Immediately after the program, the training lectures were delivered on Improved varieties and suitability with production practices by Dr. Eradasappa E. Sr. Scientist (PI. Breeding) as resource person followed by Dr. T. N. Raviprasad Prin. Sci. (Agri. Ento.) delivered lecture on important pests of cashew: identification and their management. Dr. Rajashekara H. Sr. Sci (PI. Pathology) delivered a lecture on the different diseases of cashew and their management. Dr. Itigi Prabhakar Asst. Prof. (Agri. Ext.)



briefed about the importance of FPO for the benefit of cashew farmers. The major two problems expressed by the farmers during the ensuing discussions included less flowering and fruit set which



was observed after 10 years of crop establishment and getting less prices for raw cashewnuts. Dr. Tanveer Ahmed, Scientist (Agri. Ext.), ICAR-KVK, Chintamani involved in the coordination the training program. A total of 87 farmers from Thippenahalli and nearby villages attended the training: Display panels and samples regarding various improved production technologies developed and recommended by the Directorate were also exhibited for the benefit of farmers which led to good interaction with the scientists.

Dr. Rajashekara H. Sr. Scientist & PI of Project coordinated the training program